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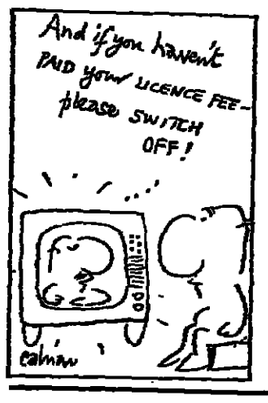
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TV licence may be scrapped in broadcasting shake-up



By Richard Evans
Media Editor

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, forecast the demise of the television licence fee last night and suggested courts should play a role in upholding the quality and scheduling of ITV programmes.

In a key policy speech, effectively updating the fast-moving broadcasting agenda, Mr Hurd gave the strongest indication so far that in the 1990s the annual licence fee – currently £62.50 – should be scrapped in favour of subscription – or pay-as-you-view for BBC.

Speaking to the Tory Coningsby Club in London, he said he did not regard licence fees as immortal.

"As choice multiplies and the average viewer has more and more channels to choose from, it will become less and less defensible that he should have to pay a compulsory licence fee to the BBC", he said.

"The emphasis which the Peacock Report [on the future of broadcasting] placed on subscription as the technique of the future must be right.

"Subscription enables the viewer to pay precisely for what he wants, and I am sure that this is a direction in which the BBC should move."

The Home Secretary also questioned the future role of the IBA, which controls ITV companies.

The IBA approves the output of Britain's 15 commercial stations and also requires ITV companies to broadcast programmes for children, on religious issues, and news and current affairs in specific scheduling slots.

"Would it be possible instead of that detailed control to envisage a quality threshold embodied in a contract enforceable by the courts?" Mr Hurd asked.

ITV franchises will be considered for renewal in 1993 and it is widely expected that the Government will stipulate a two-stage process for awarding them. Applicants will have to pass a quality threshold before submitting franchise bids in sealed envelopes.

Mr Hurd's remark brought speculation within the broadcasting industry that the authority will effectively be rendered unnecessary, given that the new Broadcasting Standards Council is to monitor programme standards, transmission functions are to be removed elsewhere, and, now, scheduling responsibilities may be taken away.

But Mr Hurd's aides insisted last night there would be a continuing function for the IBA, involving consumer protection interests such as advertising, and avoiding political bias and pornography.

The IBA has been acutely aware of the need for stringent monitoring of ITV contractual arrangements in the 1990s and said earlier this year it was looking at new ways of imposing sanctions – including football-style yellow and red cards.

It is unclear under Mr Hurd's new plan if the IBA, or some other body, will monitor ITV companies' performance.

Apart from redrawing the broadcasting agenda, Mr Hurd's speech was being seen in Whitehall and outside as a deliberate public display to emphasize that the Home Office – and not the Department of Trade and Industry – is in overall charge of broadcasting policy.

After various announcements recently by Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, including satellite TV plans for BBC2 and Channel 4, Mr Hurd has been under pressure to fight back.

It was also disclosed that Mr Hurd is organizing a Whitehall seminar in July on broadcasting policy for officials from the Home Office, DTI, and possibly other Government departments.

The Government had hoped to publish its broadcasting White Paper last January, but a range of initiatives, technical developments, and studies have delayed it until November.

● ITN is to increase spending on its basic news service by £5.25 million in the coming year.

Councils to be forced to use empty houses

Compulsory renovation will help find tenants

By Philip Webster and Sheila Gunn

Tough new powers to force local authorities to put the 112,000 empty council houses in Britain back into use were promised by the Government last night.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, told the Commons that the Government would be legislating in the autumn to require councils to improve their existing stock and reduce their dependence on temporary accommodation.

In the meantime, local councils are being ordered to give the Department of the Environment details of all their empty property. And Mr Ridley is requiring councils, when applying for their annual housing allocations, to set out their plans for minimizing the number of empty dwellings.

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Although government officials said that details of the new Bill were still being worked out, it appeared likely that councils could be forced to spend large proportions of their allocations on renovation of existing property rather than new properties. At present, there are no powers to determine how the allocations are spent.

Another likelihood is that allocations will be cut if councils fail to show that they are doing enough to smarten up their existing properties and find tenants for them.

Mr Ridley spoke of the "scandal" that the number of empty council properties in London – about 27,000 – exceeded the numbers of people in bed and breakfast accommodation. "There is clearly a consensus in this House for early action to get the empties back into use."

As he outlined the plans, it was confirmed that Mr Ridley has drafted a new planning Bill aimed at defusing the row over the erosion of the Green Belt.

The Bill, to be introduced later in the present parliament but not in the next session, will compel local authorities to draw up plans pinpointing areas for development, the aim being to update the planning system so that developers and residents can see clearly if planning applications are likely to be approved.

The possibility of penalties for developers trying to move into sensitive areas is also being considered. Developers could be charged the costs of failed planning appeals to deter contentious schemes on land known to be environmentally highly-prized.

During the current wave of criticism of the erosion of Green Belt land, environment ministers have accused district councils of relegating their local plans to the "bottom drawer"

Mr Ridley and his inspectors decided the fate of 15,600 appeals in 1986-7, the latest figures for England, and allowed 40 per cent of them. There were 1,960 public inquiries held in England last year, of which 879 allowed developments. In recent years, there has been a gradual rise in the number of appeals and the percentage of approvals.

Mr William Waldegrave, the Environment Minister, argued last week that a much wider coverage of local plans will give a more secure basis for development control and prevent "anarchy" on both sides.

In Labour's debate about the "chaos" in the Government's housing and planning policies, Mr Ridley said that the Bill would be aimed at making the "best use of local authority stock and reduce their dependence on temporary accommodation."

He said there was real chaos in the housing management of many Labour town halls – with uncollected rents, properties lying empty while families were housed in bed and breakfast, bad management and neglect and decay.

Mr Ridley also revealed that new measures to provide low-cost housing for people in the South-East and rural areas are to be brought forward before the end of July.

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● Two readers shared the daily Portfolio prize yesterday (see page 3). The Accumulator fund now stands at £86,000.
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Base rates rise to 9%

The Bank of England signalled the high street banks to raise base rates from 8.5 per cent to 9 per cent, in response to inflationary pressures. The move should mean higher mortgage rates in time, but the leading building societies said that no early move was planned. The FT-SE 100 index closed 19.2 points higher at 1,879.3.....Page 25

Minor triumph

Cheshire became only the seventh minor county to beat first-class opposition in the NatWest Trophy, beating Northamptonshire by one wicket with one ball to spare.....Page 46

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The Duke of Gloucester today opens the Civil Aviation Authority's new £25 million air safety headquarters at Gatwick. A Special Report analyses its work Pages 32,33

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Runcie delegation hopeful after Iran mission



Mr Cyril Townsend, one of Dr Runcie's delegation, speaking at Lambeth Palace yesterday about their trip to Tehran. With him are, from left, Lord Tordoff, MP Tom Clarke, John Lyttle, the Archbishop's senior information officer, and MP Robert Hicks. (Photograph: Chris Harris)

Hammond given two weeks' grace

By Tim Jones and Roland Rudd

The general council of the TUC yesterday gave the electricians' union two weeks to scrap two strike-free deals or face immediate suspension.

The prospect is looming of an inter-union membership war. Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, said there could be "anarchy" in British industrial relations.

The council also unanimously accepted a new code of conduct which effectively outlaws no-strike deals, although it will ironically not apply to the electricians, led by Mr Eric Hammond, who now regard themselves as being firmly outside the boundaries of the TUC.

Mr Willis said the issue was not about single-union agreements or no-strike deals but whether the unions could break the rules of the TUC.

"It's about whether one union can loot in a field where another is established. If they can it's a sad day for British industrial relations. It's anarchy", he said.

"To stay in the TUC, the EETPU must play by the rules, not cry foul when they lose, and not abuse the umpire like some tennis superbrat. Mr Hammond should note that even Mr McEnroe has reformed."

The decision to effectively suspend the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing union by 35 votes to four means the union will be barred from TUC regional and trade councils

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and all other committees with union representatives such as the Area Manpower Board.

The union will be required to continue to pay affiliation fees for the period of suspension, until congress meets in September when it is then expected to expel the union.

Mr Hammond, the general secretary, remained defiant and unmoved by his union's imminent suspension.

He said he would not accept the decision to strip his union of its representatives on committees and implied that he would no longer pay his union's affiliation fee.

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Mackay in row over Cleveland

By Nicholas Wood and Frances Gibb

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, yesterday flatly denied suggestions that he or his department had leaked the findings of the inquiry into the Cleveland child sexual abuse cases.

But at Westminister, both Tory and Labour MPs were incredulous at the tortuous explanations being proferred for the Lord Chancellor's remarks at a conference of justice ministers in Lisbon.

His denial followed a press reports that a paper to the conference had disclosed the main findings of the inquiry under Lord Butler-Sloss, whose report is with ministers.

The Lord Chancellor denied that he had pre-empted the inquiry findings, maintaining that a paper submitted to the conference, which touched on the Cleveland affair, referred only to the wardship proceedings in the High Court in 1987.

He said, The paper had been written in March, before the inquiry report had been completed.

Cleveland victims, page 4

UK pressed to put envoy in Tehran

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Four British parliamentarians yesterday arrived back in Britain after talks in Iran with three of Tehran's ministers and said that they had taken a step towards better relations between the two countries.

The three MPs and one peer urged the Government to send a diplomat to man the empty British Embassy in Tehran as the next step towards normalizing ties.

They brought back a 16-page letter from Mr Roger Cooper, the British businessman held without trial in Tehran, in which he too called for steps towards better relations. But there were no negotiations on the fate of the three British hostages – Mr Terry Waite, John McCarthy and Mr Brian Keenan – held in west Beirut, and the delegation received only "indications" rather than assurances that the men are alive.

Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who was responsible for the visit, welcomed the four back at Lambeth Palace, where they gave a press conference. He said: "It is my judgement that

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Thatcher tribute after death of T.E. Utley

Mr T.E. (Peter) Utley of *The Times* died late on Tuesday night, aged 67. He was Obituary Editor and a regular columnist.

Blind from the age of nine, he had a distinguished journalistic career on *The Times* and *The Daily Telegraph* and became one of the most influential commentators on post-war Conservative Party thinking.

The Prime Minister said in Ottawa last night: "Peter Utley's sad death is a great loss to journalism and to those who read his articles. He brought mature reflection to his writing based on a clear realization of what matters in life. I found in working and in discussing issues with him, he had a rare quality of mind.

"There was also a great spiritual quality about him. Manners and courtesy were the mark of the man. We shall all miss him."

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Tough curbs on spectators

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Mr Colin Moynihan, the Sports Minister, will present the Cabinet with a draft Bill next Thursday giving the Government stringent new controls over all sports events as the centrepiece of his proposals for stamping out soccer hooliganism.

The toughest new power would give ministers the right to order football clubs to introduce 100 per cent membership schemes. This could be extended to other designated sports facilities to cover rugby and even boxing.

But Mr Moynihan's proposals will give them the power to impose other, less harsh restrictions, such as

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requiring a club to install closed circuit television.

Although the Sports Minister is known to hold out the hope that football clubs will bring in members-only admission schemes, he recognizes that anything less than a Government power to impose such schemes is unlikely to satisfy Mrs Thatcher.

Sophisticated membership cards which are subject to electronic testing to make sure they cannot be forged are planned.

The Prime Minister has taken the rare step of ordering Mr Moynihan to explain his proposals personally to the full meeting of the Cabinet next week which, as a junior Minister, he would not normally attend.

Sharks and French threaten Army silver hunt

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

Depending on the attitude of the French authorities, an assortment of sharks and barracuda, an active volcano and a certain M Hermann, the army's Royal Green Jackets could soon retrieve their regimental silver which went down with the troopship Warren Hastings off the island of Réunion in the Indian Ocean on January 14 1897.

The sharks, it appears, are not going to be much of a problem. Captain Murray Whiteside, aged 26, who will be leading a team of two officers and nine riflemen on the treasure-hunting venture said yesterday that the way to deal with sharks, if they looked aggressive, was to bang them on the nose and hope they go away. But the French question could be more tricky.

All experienced divers, the Royal Green Jackets team will be setting off on Sunday for Réunion, a French volcanic island 6,000 miles from Paris, 570 miles east of Madagascar and 120 miles south of Mauritius. The silver, lying in several chests in the stern of the wreck, includes booty taken from the French. Captain Whiteside admitted that the demise of the Warren Hastings which had run aground on rocks close to the island had occurred "at the end of a busy century with the French."

The silver which is not thought to be worth very much, is in French territorial waters. So if the intrepid divers elude the sharks and find the silver, it will have to be handed over to the French authorities. There is also the matter of M Hermann, who won the salvage rights back in 1897 shortly before the Warren Hastings slipped off the rocks, broke up and sank.

If there are any Hermann descendents on Réunion, they will have to be persuaded – along with the French authorities – to give up their claims before the silver can be displayed in all its splendour in various regimental messes.

Lieutenant Charles Drax, aged 26, who has spent many months researching for the adventure, said that permission had been granted by the Ministry of Culture in Marseilles. It was hoped that the French would give the silver back. "It is ours, isn't it?" Lt Drax asked. A spokesman for the French embassy in London said yesterday that any request from the British Army would have to go through official channels.

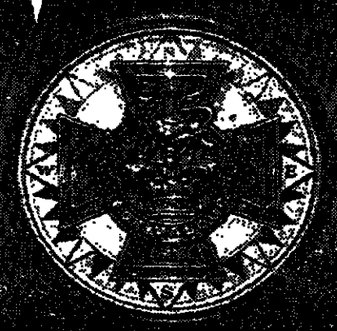
The Royal Green Jackets team has called the operation Bugle Reunion. The bugle is part of the regimental cap badge,and a witness to the wreck recorded that he heard the sound of a bugle above the roar of the wind. The ship had been bound for Mauritius from Cape Town on passage to India with 1296 British troops on board, including a detachment of the King's Royal Rifle Corps, predecessors of the Royal Green Jackets.

Although there was no loss of life, the only regimental item saved from the ship was a silver trophy called the Tusk of Gullala, which was sitting on the dining table in the officers' mess.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Record award in sex bias ruling

Women can expect far bigger sums in compensation under the Sex Discrimination Act in the wake of a record award of £19,405 made yesterday to the Southampton nurse whose test case led to the abolition of compulsory retirement at the age of 60 for women.

Miss Helen Marshall, a dietician who took her protest over enforced retirement at the age of 62 to the European Court of Justice, was awarded the sum in a ruling by an industrial tribunal disclosed yesterday. It is the highest sum awarded under the Act, being more than double the statutory limit for compensation.

The tribunal held that this limit for compensation (£6,250 at the time Miss Marshall lodged her claim and now £8,500) was contrary to European law and to a person's "right to an effective remedy" under the equal treatment directive.

Nude model libelled

A former nude model and a policeman won substantial libel damages against national newspapers yesterday in separate cases in the High Court. Miss Erica Creer, aged 39, won damages over allegations made in the *News of the World* that she became pregnant after "auditioning a host of men" to father her second baby. Police Constable Christopher Bowen was wrongly accused of rape by *The Star*. Both newspapers agreed to pay damages and all costs after accepting that the allegations were untrue.

Gallery given £2.8m

A former United States ambassador has donated £2.8 million to the National Gallery to pay for the restoration of its Impressionist and Post-Impressionist rooms. The gift from Mr Walter Annenberg enables the gallery to begin a £20 million refurbishment this autumn. It was the biggest of several donations announced by the gallery. An unspecified sum has been given by the Maurice Wohl Charitable Foundation and £75,000 by the Baring Foundation.

Tennis player fined

Guy Forget, the French tennis player knocked out of the Wimbledon championships by Stefan Edberg of Sweden, pleaded guilty yesterday to driving without due care and attention in Piccadilly, central London, on June 11 last year. He was fined £60 with £15 costs, and given four penalty points by Bow Street magistrates' court. A warrant was issued for his arrest this year, but when Forget realized police were looking for him, he walked into Wimbledon police station.

£½m Stonehenge bill

The cost of policing the summer solstice celebrations at Stonehenge, which erupted in violence, could be more than £500,000, Wiltshire police said yesterday. Some 1,000 police from outside forces were drafted into the county and two helicopters were used, including one on hire for a month.

Rebuke for minister

The Automobile Association last night rebuked Mr Peter Bottomley, Under Secretary of State at the Department of Tranpsort, for using "inappropriate and inflammatory" language in an attack on company car drivers. Mr Bottomley, speaking in London, had compared company car drivers who drove at speeds above the legal limit to soccer hooligans.

IRA victims buried

Three of the six soldiers killed in the Lisburn fun-run bombing in Northern Ireland last week were buried with full military honours yesterday. More than 700 mourners were at the funeral in Scotland of Corporal William Paterson, aged 22, of the Royal Signals, who was buried at the Blantyre Old Parish Church, Lanarkshire. Sergeant Michael Winkler, of the Royal Corps of Signals, was buried at the Dewi Saint Church at Tumble near Llanelli, South Wales, where the village closed for the day. Lance Corporal Derek Green, aged 20, of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, was buried in his home town of St Helens, Merseyside.

Retiring RUC chief promises decision on shoot-to-kill inquiry

By Paul Vallely

Sir John Hermon, chief constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, announced yesterday that he is to retire next year after almost 10 years in the most difficult of police jobs.

Sir John's announcement came only two days after he received a report from Mr Charles Kelly, Chief Constable of Staffordshire, which makes recommendations on whether disciplinary measures should be taken against junior RUC officers.

Sir John said yesterday that he would take an "expeditious" decision on whether to discipline those involved. He said the report was a voluminous document but promised he would make a decision within two weeks.

The Kelly inquiry was commissioned after the controversial Stalker/Sampson report found evidence of a conspiracy to pervert the course of justice during an investigation into claims of a shoot-to-kill policy operating within the RUC.

Sir John, who will be 60 next November, had let it be known privately that he would not retire until the force had been successfully guided through the political wake of the Government's decision not to prosecute RUC officers over the shoot-to-kill affair.

He told a press conference yesterday that he would fix an exact date for his retirement sometime next year. "At the end of this year, I will have completed nine years. My five predecessors managed only 11 years between them.

"I would think that a maximum of 10 years is quite sufficient for a chief constable in this quite difficult environment", he said.

Sir John strongly reiterated a warning to the community to remain on guard against further IRA offensives.

He said that last year had been the worst year of violence since 1981 during the time of hunger strikes by IRA prisoners in the Maze prison, near Belfast.

"The IRA have recently brought machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades and other quite sophisticated weaponry into Northern Ireland, not in massive quantities but sufficient for them to raise their profile of murder.

"We know it is here. We have already seized quite a bit of it but nowhere near as much as we would like."

Sir John said the RUC was particularly worried about the supplies of Semtex, a commercially-made Czechoslavakian explosive, which were now in IRA hands.

"It is very lethal. It is a matter of some concern to us."

He said that a high-level meeting between the RUC and senior Irish police officers had taken place in Belfast on Tuesday. Levels of IRA weaponry had been discussed, as had details of a recent profound reorganization in the Garda Siochana which would be "of considerable benefit".

Sir John said there was evidence that "loyalist" paramilitaries were also better armed.

Further violence could be expected from the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force and the Ulster Freedom Fighters, which was "a militant front for the UDA", the legal Ulster Defence Association, he said.

However, although he made clear his abhorence of the paramilitary organization, he indicated that it was not the time to add it to the list of proscribed organizations.

He declined to make a definitive comment when questioned about internment without trial.

However, his remark that it could have "traumatic" political effects seemed to indicate that his recommendation to the Government had been against its re-introduction.

Sir John said police intelligence confirmed the existence of a split within the ranks of Sinn Fein and the IRA, which in their command structures were to all intents and purposes the same.

There was a dichotomy between men of violence and those who wanted a political option.

He hoped the civilized option would prevail.

Man in the News

Ulster lynchpin united force

There is an exercise bike in the corner of the flat above the Belfast police headquarters where Sir John Hermon has lived for most of this decade.

It is a symbol of the dedication and the isolation of the man who has been the lynchpin of the Northern Ireland security services for the past decade.

When he retires next year, Sir John will undoubtedly be remembered as the man who brought a new professionalism to the Royal Ulster Constabulary, which had long been regarded as an intensely sectarian Protestant police force.

Without his steadfast support for the principles of impartial policing, the Anglo-Irish agreement could well have collapsed in its first months under the threat of street protests by unionists opposed to the accord. His strategy of "Ulsterization", taking Army troops out of the front line in the fight against terrorism and replacing them with RUC officers backed by Army support systems, might also have foundered without his canny political judgement.

It was Sir John who first ordered the firing of plastic bullets against Protestants demonstrating against the Anglo-Irish agreement when they began to move threateningly on a Catholic housing estate in Portadown.

Officers say it was largely his personal determination which held up the morale of the force throughout the Protestant backlash which followed when officers were firebombed out of their homes.

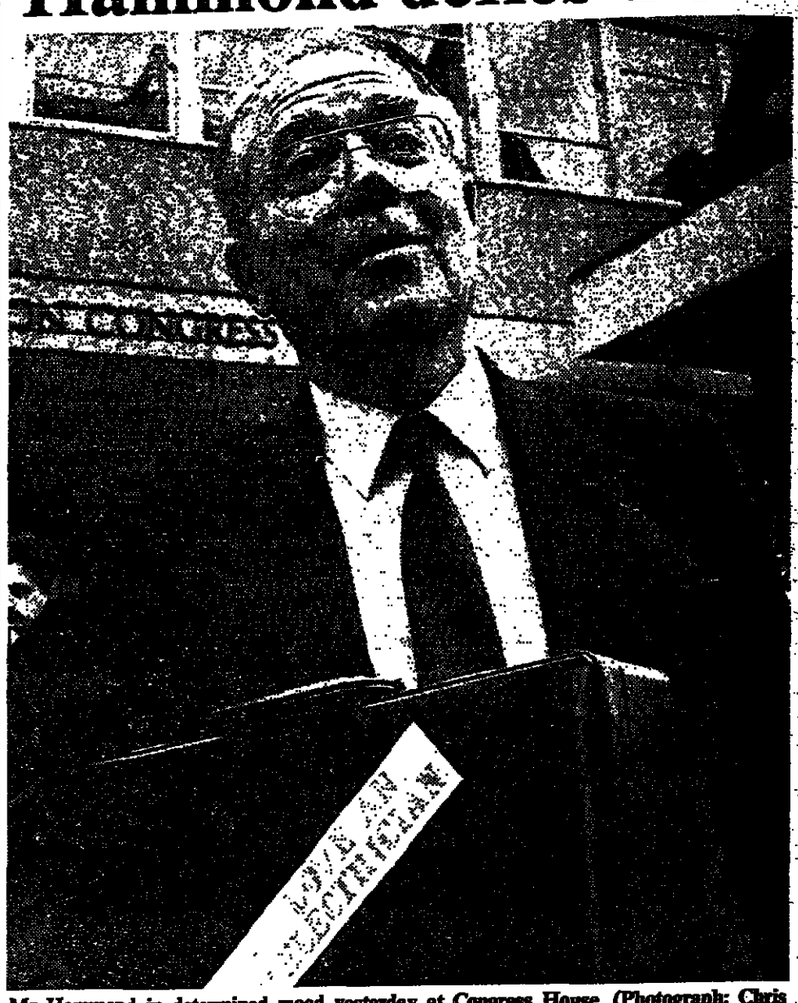
Sir John, who became Chief Constable in 1980, has seen the RUC transformed from a 3,500-strong force demoralized by a decade of IRA violence into an organization three times the size operating what is considered to be one of the most advanced policing systems in western Europe.

Its innovative programmes in terrorist containment, intelligence, street policing, stress counselling and sophisticated management techniques are studied by police forces throughout the world.

However, Sir John's attempt to establish a new status for the RUC among the Catholic and Protestant communities received a grievous blow from the controversial "shoot-to-kill" inquiry.

Sir John's wife, Jean, died in 1986. He is likely to retire to the United States, where he has a daughter.

Hammond defies TUC



Mr Hammond in determined mood yesterday at Congress House. (Photograph: Chris Harris)

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He said: "I am sad this has happened. The TUC have made rules that are so unacceptable they have put us out of the club."

With an eye on the inevitable interunion membership war which will ensue from his union suspension, Mr Hammond said: "Our distinctive brand of unionism which is under attack will appeal to the sort of people repelled by the out-dated actions of the trade union movement".

Mr Hammond, who interrupted his union's industrial conference in Scarborough to attend yesterday's General Council meeting, told other general secretaries that it was they who should be in the dock and not the electricians.

He accused the TUC staff of deliberately misrepresenting his case in the two no-strike deals, which the TUC Disputes Committee ordered the electricians to scrap.

He further accused three of the biggest unions of planning to push his union out of the TUC by preventing it from signing the contentious strike-free agreements.

General Council was outraged by his suggestion. Mr Willis said Mr Hammond had clearly gone over the top; Mr Alan Tuffin, general secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, said it was a "disgraceful slur"; Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of the National Union of Public Employees bitterly commented: "I suppose Eric is on his way to a knighthood or a peerage".

However, Mr Bill Jordan, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, and a close ally of the electricians, said: "I believe the suspension move has been taken with undue haste. It will lead to industrial unrest and a free for all in the factories."

The General Council unanimously accepted the special review body's decision to effectively outlaw no-strike deals by insisting that unions "must not" offer compulsory arbitration agreements for recognition, although Mr Willis made it clear there was still considerable opposition to the code.

Mr Jordan lost by 29 votes to eight his attempt to change part of the code which instructs unions to notify the TUC of pending arbitration

Mr Willis released a copy of his speech which he planned to give to the electricians' union conference before he was told it would be "inappropriate" to address the delegates

He said the alternative to accepting the TUC rules is "inter-union warfare: with workers and companies, the prize: but in reality, as in many other ways, the prize is actually the victim".

Outside the TUC the electricians will be free to approach members from other unions.

An independent report on the first no-strike deals signed at Toshiba in 1981 shows that most employees believe the agreement is effective and has helped them to establish a working relationship with managers.

The report by the Policy Studies Institute looks at conditions at the Plymouth plant where the agreement was signed with the electricians' union.

The company advisory board, corner-stone of the new agreement which has been severely criticized by some unions for making the role of the shop stewards redundant, was supported by 70 per cent of the workforce.

Criticism of safety at Harwell

Safety standards at Harwell atomic research establishment are criticized in a report today.

A document by the Health and Safety Executive Nuclear Installations Inspectorate makes 24 recommendations to improve safety and management of the Oxfordshire plant's two reactors.

The inspectors say operation of the reactors is safe at present, but steps must be taken to ensure future safety.

The recommendations include an inch-by-inch plant inspection, a review of staff safety awareness and reassessment of safety of modification and test facilities.

Mr John Baxter, the head of nuclear reactors at Harwell, said the review was an endorsement of safety procedures rather than a criticism.

"The main thing as far as people at Harwell and those living in the area are concerned is that the inspectors are satisfied that the reactors are safe to operate."

The Atomic Energy Authority has said that it will carry out all the improvements at Harwell recommended by the inspectors by next June. That will justify operating the plant after 1989.

Leadership contenders clash on SLD strategy

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

The battle for the leadership of the Social and Liberal Democrats intensified yesterday as Mr Alan Beith clashed with Mr Paddy Ashdown over the central element in the new party's electoral strategy.

Mr Ashdown is known to believe that the SLD must concentrate its efforts on ousting Labour as the main challengers to the Conservatives.

Last night Mr Beith declared: "We need a party leadership which understands that simply to cast Labour as our competitor for anti-Tory votes will not of itself deliver victory."

Mr Ashdown sees the SLD as a centre-left party while Mr Beith maintains that it should not be trapped in left-right terminology.

Arguments over the attitude to be adopted towards Labour bedevilled the Alliance election campaign, and in the event the party sought initially to concentrate its fire on the Conservatives — a tactic widely held to have backfired.

Divisions have also surfaced between the two contenders over the direction of social policy. As predicted in *The Times* yesterday, Mr Ashdown, MP for Yeovil, delivered a speech last night in Newcastle backing a radical approach embracing some aspects of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's free-market thinking.

But Mr Beith, speaking in Huddersfield, pinned his hopes on acceptance of "our traditional radicalism".

He said: "Administering Thatcherism rather more benignly does not appeal to me and will not appeal to Northern electors either."

Meanwhile, Mr Des Wilson, the former Liberal president, has declared himself a candidate for the post of president of the Democrats. He is being opposed by Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, the former SDP MP, and Mr Gwynoro Jones, the former SDP Welsh chairman.

Mr Wilson will be the only ex-Liberal in the line-up for the presidency which, like the party leadership, is to be decided by a ballot of members next month. He said: "I do not feel we have realised the full potential of the launch of the party."

Protests by United States grandmasters

Twenty-two of the United States' 30 chess grand masters have signed a petition calling for the dismissal of Mr Don Schultz, the country's representative to Fide, the World Chess Federation.

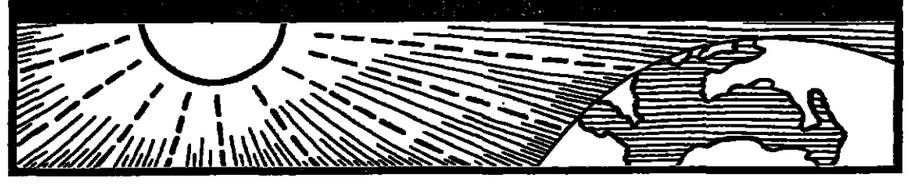
Mr Schultz has come under fire for favouring the policies of Mr Florencio Campomanes of the Philippines, the president of the World Chess Federation, who allegedly called for curbs on chess journalists who criticize the World Chess Federation.

Meanwhile in the second leg of the $200,000 World Chess Cup in Belfort, France, British grandmaster Jon Speelman drew his sixth round game against world champion Gary Kasparov.

Leading scores after the sixth round were:

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EEC internal market programme

Professionals win mutual recognition

By Michael Dynes, Luxembourg

Up to 10 million professional people will be able to practise their careers anywhere in the EEC after an agreement in principle on the mutual recognition of diplomas by the council of trade ministers in Luxembourg yesterday.

The breakthrough, which comes after years of inter-ministerial conflict, is being heralded as a big step in the EEC drive towards a European internal market by 1992.

The regulations will enable lawyers, accountants, teachers, surveyors, bankers, actuaries and secretaries to practise without having to totally requalify in their chosen country of residence.

Certain categories of professions, notably lawyers and accountants, where legal advice is given, will be required to take a test to demonstrate that they have sufficient knowledge of local law.

Lord Cockfield, Britain's senior commissioner for the internal market, had insisted that the test be restricted to lawyers. However, he was outvoted by a unanimous council wanting the test to apply to all professions needing knowledge of local law.

Doctors, nurses, dentists, veterinarians, midwives, architects and pharmacists, have already had their basic training harmonized. Professionals who obtain diplomas outside the EEC will qualify for mutual recognition if their qualification is recognized by a member state and the professional has practised in that country for up to three years.

Mr Francis Maude, Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said yesterday the increased competition should result in "lower charges and improved services".

The breakthrough came after a plea from Chancellor Helmut Kohl, of West Germany, for progress on the internal market programme before the presidency of the council of ministers is handed to Greece at the end of this month. A full agreement is expected by the end of the year. It should be implemented by 1990.

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Husband's appeal for murder witnesses

Psychological profile may identify killer of M50 wife

By Craig Seton and Stewart Tendler

A psychologist is attempting to build a personality profile of the killer who abducted and murdered Mrs Marie Wilks on the M50 near Longdon, Hereford and Worcester.

At the same time, Mr Trevor Wilks, husband of the pregnant mother, appealed yesterday for anyone shielding the murderer to "think hard" and come forward to help the big police hunt.

Det Chief Supt David Cole, head of West Mercia CID, said the psychological profile would take considerable time. However, the police had little to go on after the abduction of Mrs Wilks, aged 22, a Red Cross worker, on Saturday evening as she used an emergency telephone to report that her car had broken down.

Mr Cole said the killer probably had a police record. "In general terms, he is the type of person who is either prepared to roam the countryside looking for a vulnerable female or a person who is purely an opportunist and has a tendency to prey on women and take the opportunity when it is presented to him."

The West Mercia police are studying files of previous, unsolved cases where women driving cars were attacked at the roadside. They include Miss Shani Warren, who was found bound and gagged in a Berkshire lake in April last year. As with Mrs Wilks, she had not been sexually assaulted. Her car was found abandoned at a layby.

Mrs Janice Weston, a solicitor's wife, was battered to death at a layby on the A1 near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, as she was changing a wheel.

Detectives appealed for people who were using the M50 last Saturday to help identify a bigger-than-average family saloon, believed to be silver grey, which was seen parked at the spot where Mrs Wilks's body was found beside the eastbound carriageway.

There were sightings of a similar, light-colour car parked beside the emergency telephone box used by Mrs Wilks.

Mrs Wilks, who was seven-and-a-half months pregnant, bled to death after her jugular vein was severed. Police believe the killer would have been bloodstained and that the vehicle used to take Mrs Wilks about three miles to where she was dumped would have been covered in blood.

A tape recording of the emergency telephone conversation between Mrs Wilks and an operator at the West Mercia police headquarters, Worcester, where her call was taken, has failed to produce any evidence. Detectives sent the tape recording for scientific enhancement in the hope that it might contain the voice of the killer.

Traces of blood on the hard shoulder near the emergency telephone are to be analysed using DNA genetic fingerprinting to find out if it is of the same group as Mrs Wilks. Police believe she started bleeding after she was hit on the side of her head with such force that her jaw was broken.

Mr Wilks, aged 27, a carpenter, who is soon to assume command as an officer in the Army Cadet Force, said he did not think his wife could have done anything to avoid the attack.

He said: "The motorway is busy. You do not expect something like that to happen. Perhaps it could happen on a country road but not on a motorway. What else could she have done?"

He said it was likely his wife would have fought her attacker. "She was very plucky."

Mr Wilks last saw his wife on Saturday when when she visited him at an Army cadet camp near Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire, where he is an instructor. He said: "If there is somebody out there who knows something, please think hard and help by coming forward to trace the person responsible for this crime".

The couple were due to celebrate their third wedding anniversary yesterday. Mrs Wilks left their son, Mark, aged 13 months, in the care of her sister, Georgina Gough, aged 11, as she went to make the telephone call. They were found walking on the hard shoulder.

The police believe the murder will only be solved either by an informant or the slow collection of information. Forensic science and computer records will play a key role. One of the first tasks is likely to be a reconstruction of the traffic pattern on the M50 at the time of the attack.

Cello gift for musician



Yo Yo Ma, recipient of "the only instrument which has a soul" (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance).

Sotheby's marked up a world record of £682,000 for a musical instrument at a public auction yesterday while the sale of Jacqueline du Pré's Stradivarius cello was being sealed privately at an even higher, undisclosed price.

It has been bought by anonymous benefactors for the United States musician, Yo Yo Ma. "This is the only instrument I have ever played which has a soul", Mr Ma said in London. He will collect the cello from storage in New York next week.

Mr Ma had already had the cello on loan from Miss du Pré for three years after she contracted multiple sclerosis. "After that I decided not to play any more because I couldn't afford to buy it", Mr Ma, aged 32, said. The cello was offered for sale by J&A Beare Ltd, Etienne Vatelot of Paris and Jacques Francais of New York.

A European foundation was about to buy it when some concert-goers in Paris were told that Mr Ma had decided to return the cello. They vowed to buy it for him.

It is the third time the instrument, nicknamed the Davidoff, has been given by admirers to a young musician. Miss du Pré was given the cello in 1964. Mr Charles Beare said: "We never knew the identity of the benefactor, and only dealt with them through solicitors".

In about 1870 it had been presented by the Russian Count Wiel Horsky to Karl Davidoff, the Russian cellist.

The Sotheby's world record set yesterday was also for a cello made by Antonio Stradivari about 290 years ago. It is nicknamed the Cholmondeley after one of its nineteenth-century owners.

The previous record had been £473,000 set last March for the Marie Hall violin.

Other good prices included that of £214,500 (estimate up to £200,000) for a Stradivari violin called the Innes, Loder, sold complete with letters from J&A Beare.

At Christie's, London, an unpublished series of autograph letters by Philip Larkin, including 40 manuscript and typescript poems and numerous doodles, sold for £38,500 (within estimate) to the Brynmor Jones library at the University of Hull, where Larkin was a librarian.

Top lot at the manuscript sale was an autograph first full draft of *The Plough and the Stars*, the 1920s play by Sean O'Casey. It sold within estimate, at £38,500 to the London dealers, Quaritch.

Among the illuminated manuscripts, the Bibliotheque National of France paid £55,000 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000) for *The Livre des Jugemens de Astrologie*.

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Doctors divided over virus

GPs vote to oppose secret Aids tests

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Britain's family doctors yesterday voted against secret Aids testing without the patient's consent in a move which has again split the profession.

The GPs' stand, made at their conference in London yesterday, is directly opposed to the vote taken by consultants last week when they decided that doctors should be allowed to carry out Aids tests without patients' consent unless they expressly forbid it.

Dr David Bolt, president of the British Medical Association, yesterday gave a warning that both the association and the medical profession were being torn apart by the ethical issues surrounding Aids testing. He advised representatives at the BMA's GP conference that testing patients without their consent for any procedure was illegal and could amount to assault.

Last week consultants argued that Aids had to be considered in the same way as other diseases such as cancer when doctors made their initial diagnosis and that professionals should be able to use their clinical judgement in terms of how much to tell the patient.

However yesterday Dr Laurence Knott, a GP from north London, said that HIV infections had to be considered separately from other diseases.

"Those who say HIV is a routine condition are the King Canutes of the medical profession", Dr Knott said. Calling it routine is like calling the bubonic plague a mild disease. He said that carriers, if identified, were likely to become social outcasts and loose their friends, homes and jobs. Doctors might perform Aids tests without patients consent in the best interests of their families or the public at large but it could not be in the best interest of the patient, Dr Knott said.

Proposing the motion Dr Ray Outwin from Doncaster said the GPs should join the consultants in supporting the right for doctors to use their clinical judgement.

● Proposals to abolish or reduce the role of district health authorities, being considered by the Prime Minister, were condemned yesterday by the National Association of Health Authorities.

Speaking at the opening of the association's national conference in Harrogate, Mr Philip Hunt, its director, said that it was vital not to downgrade the role of local lay people in policy decisions for local health services.

Light consumption of alcohol may not be as beneficial as some drinkers assert.

Professor Gerald Shaper said the assumption that a little alcohol was healthy was wrong because although non-drinking men had a higher death than moderate drinkers, many had disorders resulting from earlier drinking.

● Smoking can hasten the menopause and cause brittle bones in elderly women, Mr John Moore, the Secretary of State for Social Services, told a conference on women's health yesterday.

Europe acts on hooligans

By Peter Evans

Football hooliganism stimulated moves yesterday towards an unprecedented degree of legal cooperation between European countries.

The initiative covers the prosecution, sentencing and transfer of people jailed abroad for hooliganism to serve their sentences in Britain.

Mr John Patten, Minister of State at the Home Office, told the conference of European justice ministers in Lisbon that football hooliganism was an international problem, not confined to one country.

He said the exchange of information between police services was good, but other parts of the criminal justice system were also affected.

"Where evidence can be obtained and convictions result, swift and certain punishment should follow as the best deterrent to mindless violence. United Kingdom citizens who misbehave should not be treated in any sense more favourably than offenders who live in the city or country concerned", he said.

"If people from the United Kingdom are sentenced to imprisonment in another country, and the government concerned does not want to keep them there, we are ready to put in motion arrangements for their return to this country, under our legislation on the repatriation of offenders, so they can serve sentences imposed in another country."

The European convention on the transfer of sentenced prisoners has been ratified by 14 member countries. The Government has indicated it is ready to set up ad hoc arrangements for repatriation with countries which might not have ratified the convention.

Britain would not insist on regarding transfer as appropriate only for prisoners with more than six months to serve.

Mr Patten also suggested that European countries should exchange detailed information on problems experienced in prosecution, trial and punishment. That could include the proportions of those arrested who are then charged and the resulting penalties.

He said: "We cannot afford to let the initiative remain with the hooligan, or to rule out of consideration any step that may help to lift this scourge from our towns and our sports grounds".

Parents at pub on night son died

The parents of Dean Scott were drinking at their local public house until closing time on the night that their son aged 10 months died of starvation and neglect, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Mr Wilfred Brain, a barman, said that Mr Frederick Scott and Miss Susan Poole, the parents, were at the William IV public house in Camberwell, south London, on August 20 last year. "He was drinking until closing time. I saw them leave together", Mr Brain said.

Mr Scott, aged 38, a former special constable, and Miss Poole, aged 21, with whom he lived at Marinel House, Comber Grove, Camberwell, deny murdering their son.

They also plead not guilty to wilfully neglecting him and his brother Michael, aged two, in a manner likely to cause unneccessary suffering. Mr Bernard Holland, the landlord of the public house, said they called in five or six times a week. Mr Scott drank an average of five or six pints an evening. Miss Poole drank cola or half a lager. He described her as "talkative" and Mr Scott as a "good customer". Mr Brain said Mr Scott spent £25 a week at the pub and Miss Poole about £11. The trial continues today.

The burial business

French may reap UK profits

By Robin Young

The single European market in 1992 could change more than the British way of life. French undertakers have an avaricious eye on our way of death as well.

To compensate for declining mortality rates at home, they are eager to enter the British market, where 600,000 people died last year. Though that represented a 5 per cent drop on the 1986 figure, to the French such volume would be a godsend.

Pompes Funèbres Générales, the French undertaking company which organizes about 250,000 of the 526,000 funerals in France each year, has already amassed a 29 per cent stake in Kenyon Securities, the third-largest quoted undertaking group in Britain.

Kenyon, which presently serves about 18,000 deceased Britons a year through its 108 branches is also an international specialist in a field the British are thought to handle particularly well — disasters. Almost inevitably, it is a gentleman from Kenyon who discreetly recovers, identifies and often finally lays to rest the victims of coach, train and aircraft crashes, ferry sinkings, and other mass fatalities.

The company is one of three publicly quoted firms that have been rapidly rationalizing the British funeral market by acquisitions over the past five years.

The others are Hodgson Holdings, whose profits soared by 176 per cent last year but whose £20 million share placing, intended to buy yet more branches to add to its present 190, flopped in April; and the Great Southern Group, which has 126 branches.

Small, private, family-owned businesses carried out almost two-thirds of last year's funerals in Britain, but with many handling no more than 250 funerals a year, some will scarcely have covered their costs. The co-operative movement is the biggest single force in burying the British, with an estimated total of 25 per cent of the business.

In France there were 21,000 fewer deaths last year than in 1986, and the total has been diminishing by 4 per cent a year. "Each 1 per cent drop in the mortality rate leads to a 10 per cent decline in our profit margins because of our heavy fixed costs", M Pierre Poinsignon, chairman of PFG, complains. PFG says the British market is attractive, not only because the death toll is higher than in France, but because profit margins are larger and cremations more frequent.

In Britain, 70 per cent of all bodies are cremated, whereas in France the figure is only 4 per cent or 20,000 a year.

Portfolio —PLUS NEW— Accumulator

Winner to aid cancer research

One of the two winners of the daily Portfolio prize of £4,000 is to donate a portion of her winnings to cancer research.

Mrs Dorly Bailey, of Loughton, Essex, is publicity secretary for a cancer research charity in her home town.

She also intends to spend some of the money on a holiday with her husband and their daughter, probably in one of the National Trust regions.

The other winner is Mr Stuart Smith, aged 27, of Hither Green, south-east London. His money will be used on decorating his house, and on a holiday in California.

THIS WEEK



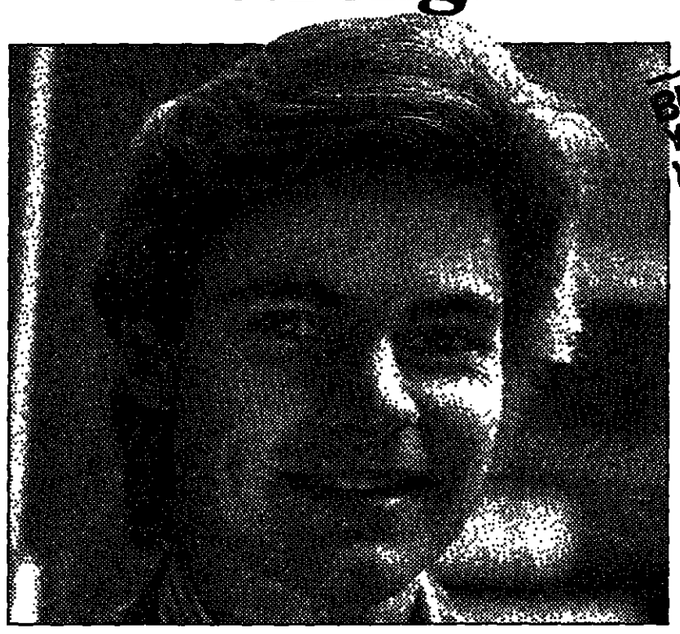
The Times Property Guide

Saturday's full-colour, 20-page Times Property Guide looks at the more genteel face of Yorkshire and discovers a derelict village in Chianti now being restored

City remand

Paolo Pavenelli, aged 41, director of the First FFC Security Corporation, of Bond Street, central London, was remanded on £50,000 bail until July 3 by Bow Street magistrates yesterday accused of having forged promissory notes valued at $125 million. He was ordered to surrender his passport.

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Aftermath of the Government's inquiry into child sexual abuse

Cleveland innocents still facing a stigma

The inquiry by Lord Justice Butler-Sloss was announced by the Government in July last year after a public outcry about the number of children taken into care in Cleveland on suspicion of being sexually abused.

Parents said the diagnoses by two consultant paediatricians, Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt, were wrong. Their cases were taken up by Mr Stuart Bell, Labour MP for Middlesbrough.

The inquiry began in August, and before it ended, on January 29, it heard more than three million words of evidence from 137 witnesses.

Lord Justice Butler-Sloss sat with three assessors, Professor David Hall, of Nottingham University; Mr Leonard Soper, former chief constable of Gloucestershire; and Mr John Chant, director of social services for Somerset.

The crisis began when Dr Higgs arrived at Middlesbrough General Hospital, using anal reflex dilatation (RAD) to diagnose abuse.

She and Dr Wyatt diagnosed 121 children as having been sexually abused in the first six months of last year.

In her evidence at the inquiry, Dr Higgs admitted that she should have handled some aspects of the affair differently but remained adamant that her diagnoses were reached correctly. Dr Wyatt said he had no regrets.

Dr Higgs was subsequently transferred to a *hospital in Newcastle upon Tyne as a member* of a unit caring for new-born babies. Dr Wyatt, although allowed to remain at the Middlesbrough hospital, was told he could not handle cases of sexual abuse.



Fresh horizons for a reunited Cleveland family . . . but the pain of unproved accusations and an enforced separation remain.

By Peter Davenport

In a sitting room above a small-town cafe, a curly-haired toddler careers around the furniture on a pink tricycle.

Twenty five miles away, in a comfortable and spacious Victorian suburban house, a brother and sister, aged 12 and 10, are in their nightclothes watching television. Their younger brother is in bed, asleep.

Those are unremarkable snapshots of family life, yet both sets of parents feared they would never experience such scenes again.

The families live in Cleveland, and this time last year, the children had been diagnosed as victims of sexual abuse and taken from their homes.

The parents were left angry, frustrated, bewildered and, perhaps worst of all, accused of the most brutish of crimes against their offspring.

Today both families are reunited, but only after long months of legal wrangling, self-doubt and mental torment. They were just two of the cases investigated by Lord Justice Butler-Sloss during her 74-day inquiry into the Cleveland affair.

Yesterday's reported finding of the inquiry, that many of the children were wrongly taken into care by over-zealous doctors using a questionable diagnostic technique, was welcomed by parents.

Some, however, feel it does not go far enough and want a public apology from the two consultants at the centre of the affair, Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt. Others are adamant that Dr Higgs should not be allowed to practise again.

One mother's ordeal began in May last year when her daughter, now aged three, was taken to Middlesbrough General Hospital for a routine examination, performed by Dr Higgs.

After the examination, the daughter, her younger brother and their cousin were diagnosed as sexually abused and were placed with a foster family. Later, the foster parents' two children were also said to have been abused.

Eventually the mother — who asked to remain anonymous to prevent further distress to her family — was allowed to have her children back so long as she moved to a relative's house in Peterborough. Her common-law husband was not permitted to see the children.

In September, the couple were finally able to set up home with their children again, although the youngsters remain wards of court.

They were offered the compromise by Cleveland County Council shortly before they were due to enter court for a lengthy hearing to have the children de-warded. Rather than face a protracted legal battle, they seized the opportunity to get back together immediately. Now they wish they had proceeded with legal action and formally cleared their names.

Yesterday the man, a self-employed businessman, said: "It was clear from the beginning that I was suspected of being the abuser.

"I hid in my bedroom for three days. I didn't want to face anybody.

"This is a small town and word soon got out. Someone scrawled the word 'bastard' on the cafe window and pushed dog excrement through the letter box.

"I knew I was innocent but I was frightened about being left alone with anyone else's child. I was so sensitive. I had bizarre, crazy thoughts that perhaps I had done it and didn't know.

"The stigma will never go away completely. Thankfully, the children were perhaps too young for it to have any lasting effect.

"I am absolutely certain that some children were really abused, but was it right to hang more than 100 people because one or two were guilty?"

In another part of Cleveland, a 40-year-old teacher has a similar tale to tell.

He and his wife have two sons and a daughter. When the younger boy was taken to hospital with a constipation problem, Dr Higgs diagnosed sexual abuse. Later, the same diagnosis was made on the brother and sister.

All three children were taken into care and were not returned home for seven months.

A High Court judge later ruled that the children had not been sexually abused, and had loving and caring parents.

The mother says the family will never forget the ordeal: their values were held up to derision by social workers.

The father has made unconscious adjustments to his behaviour because of the whirlwind of allegations that engulfed him for so long and almost cost him his job.

He now wears pyjamas in bed and leaves the room when the children come in for a family cuddle.

The mother, even now, comes close to tears when the subject is discussed.

"I still physically hurt after all this time", she says. "It is a chapter of our lives that can't be rewritten. We can never take it away.

"Whatever happens, the events here are going to be part of the social history of this country and I don't feel very proud at having been part of it.

"Some days I think it is impossible to go on. I feel battered and hurt and it is very hard to cope with those feelings. But we will survive as a family."

End child abduction, says Lord Chancellor

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, expressed concern yesterday that some countries are failing to operate the conventions to tackle child kidnapping by one parent across frontiers.

He told European justice ministers in Lisbon that "child abduction must be stamped out." Not only was it contrary to the best interests of the child, but as often as not it negated those interests.

The deterrent effect of the convention should make clear to the abducting parent that he has nothing to gain.

Lord Mackay avoided naming specific countries, but there are believed still to be nine children abducted from the United Kingdom whose return from Spain is being negotiated. A decision on whether to return a child is taken within six weeks as recommended by the committee on custody convention.

The Lord Chancellor gave the example of a child abducted from Portugal to the United Kingdom. "Let us suppose that my office, which acts as a central authority under the convention, acts with remarkable stupidity and delay so that the case does not come before court for about a year.

"At that stage, is it really in the child's best interests that he should be uprooted once more and sent back to Portugal? I know that the United Kingdom courts, at least, would conclude that two wrongs do not make a a right and that although the abducting parent should not have succeeded, nevertheless the interests of the child are such that to create another upheaval in his life would be wrong."

The Government brought in legislation in 1986 to implement both a European and a Hague convention to tackle the growing problem of child abduction. Since then, 37 requests have been made for the return of nearly 50 children by the UK from other countries. Most, with the exception of the Spanish cases, have been returned or access to the child granted.

In the same period, 17 requests have been made by other countries to the UK for 28 children to be returned.

Police renew offensive against Triads

By David Sapsted

A police success in prosecuting Triad gangsters in Britain was being regarded yesterday as the start of an international assault on the Chinese criminals.

The 11-year prison sentence imposed by the High Court in Glasgow on a former Hong Kong prison officer involved in an attack on a restaurateur, was hailed by Strathclyde detectives.

At the same time, the National Crime Authority in Australia announced an initiative to curb the Triads while in America, where organized Chinese gangsters are taking over from the Mafia in some cities, police are demanding tough new powers to deal with the problem.

In Hong Kong, details were unveiled yesterday of a Triad 'renunciation' scheme to grant amnesties to gang members who give up membership of the societies.

Earlier this year, Strathclyde Police hosted a private international conference in Ayr on ways to tackle the spread of Triad gangs. The conference was held against a background of reports that the Chinese criminals were planning to move their main operating bases to Australia, North America and Britain over the next five years prior to the Chinese takeover of Hong Kong in 1997.

The larger British forces, including the Metropolitan Police, have agreed to hold annual meetings to discuss the Triad growth and the lessons of the successful Strathclyde investigation are being circulated to the forces involved.

In the High Court, 33-year-old John Cheung, an illegal immigrant known as Golo Ming, was sentenced to 11 years for organizing the attempt on the life of a Glasgow restaurateur last year.

Mr John Cheng was attacked by four men armed with long knives and iron bars after he had outbid a Triad gang member for ownership of the Loon Fung restaurant. Two of the Chinese attackers received sentences of six and 10 years earlier this year but the serious assault charge against a fourth person, who had been brought back by police from Hong Kong, was found not proven.

An estimated 50 Triad societies, with 160,000 members, are thought to operate in Hong Kong, the most notorious being K14 because of its involvement in heroin trafficking and its fondness for hatchets rather than firearms.

New hope on genetic testing

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Widespread screening for carriers of genetic disorders may be possible because of research by British scientists.

Diagnosis could be made within hours from analysis of a simple mouthwash. This would replace the established method needing days of laboratory work to treat and test blood samples.

The new technique developed by scientists working with Professor Robert Williamson, at St Mary's Hospital Medical School, in London, can also use the root of a single strand of hair instead of cells obtained from a mouthwash. The St Mary's team, with the support of the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, is perfecting the process as a rapid and cheap way of detecting the gene defect that causes the life-threatening cystic disease of the lung.

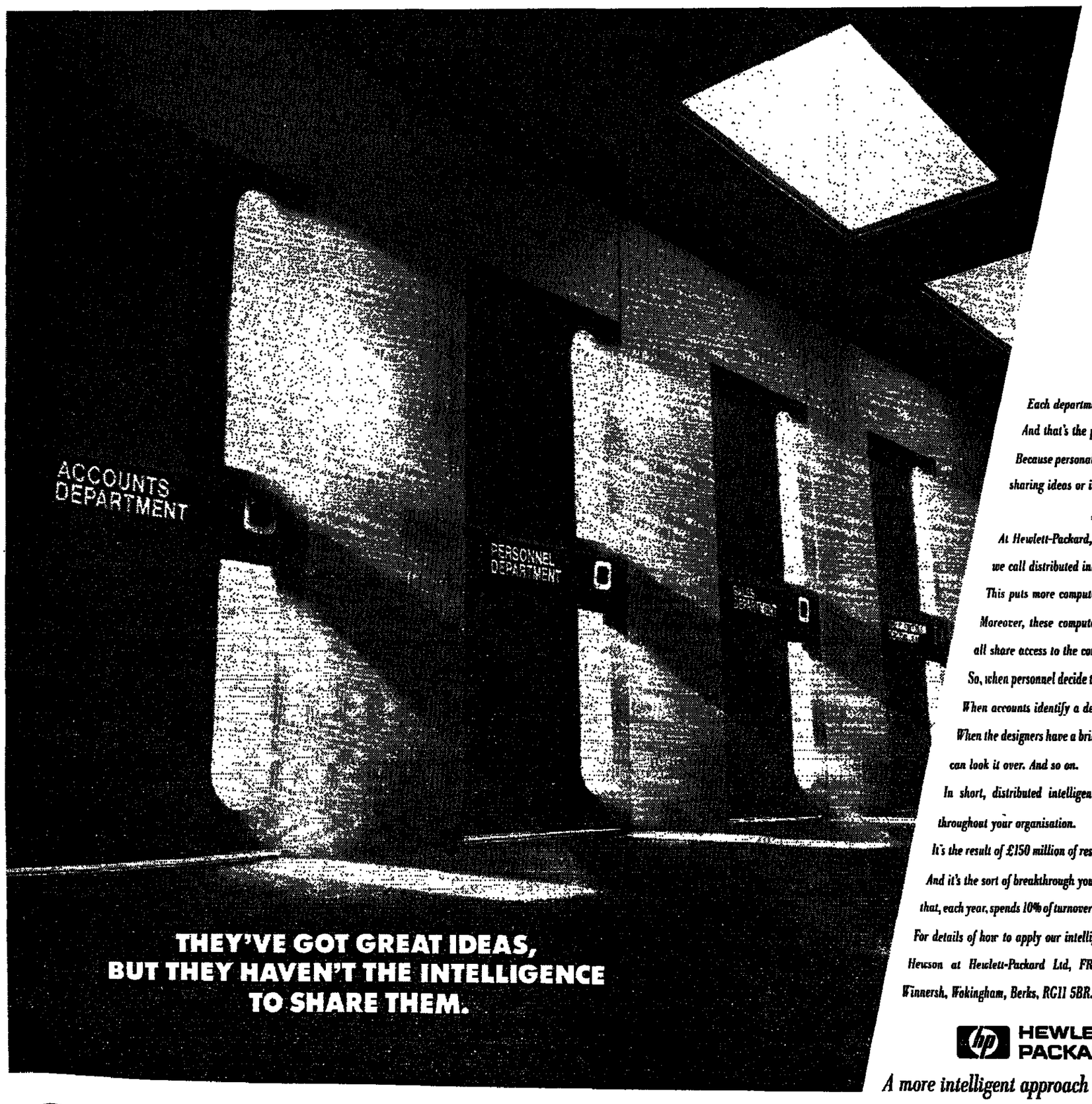
There are 3,000 other diseases due to genetic mutation and the new system could be adapted to screen for at least 170 of the most common ones.

Professor Williamson said the availability of widespread screening depended on replacing high technology methods, costing hundreds of pounds per test, with simpler low technology methods costing about £1 a time.

The cystic fibrosis analysis is done by DNA genetic testing on skin cells of the cheek.

Previously, the cells would have needed to be cultured to grow enough material to reveal the biochemical marker which signals a gene defect.

The new technique should also pave the way for a test to reveal otherwise undetectable evidence of the Aids virus in blood cells.



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Wounding criticism of King's Cross staff undeserved, QC says

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

Staff on London Underground did not deserve the condemnation they had received even though their shortcomings may have helped to cause the fire at King's Cross, the disaster inquiry was told yesterday.

Mr Lionel Read, QC, making his closing statement on behalf of London Regional Transport and London Underground said the fire, which started on an escalator, had erupted into the ticket hall at King's Cross with "devastating, unprecedented, unexpected and unforeseen rapidity and ferocity".

Underground staff and emergency services should not be criticized for failing to safeguard against such an unforeseen phenomenon.

He said London Underground had experienced nothing approaching the gravity and size of the King's Cross fire, which claimed 31 lives, in its 124-year history. Since the end of the last war, it had carried 25 billion passengers and only one had died previously because of a fire in a station.

In the 20 years before last November's fire at King's Cross, four accidents had resulted in deaths, two of them involving passengers. One was the Moorgate disaster in 1975, another was a fire in a tunnel in 1981.

Mr Read said such a record should cut down to size the "sweeping and wounding" criticisms of management and staff.

Staff had faced accusations of incompetence, dereliction of duty and the sacrificing of safety in the name of economy. If London Underground had tried to refute all the allegations the inquiry, which is expected to end tomorrow, would have lasted well into next year.

He said: "This investigation has shown there were shortcomings in the conduct of London Underground staff that evening, and earlier by management, which manifested their consequences.

"They have been acknowledged to this inquiry without prevarication and steps have been taken to rectify them.

"With the benefit of hindsight which we all now have, some of them were, or may have been, contributory causes of the disaster."

The accusations had affected all Underground staff, but managers had tried not to be diverted from their resolve to give the inquiry all possible help in an attempt to ensure there would not be another disaster.

London Underground had already taken action to ensure a fire would never occur again on an escalator endangering passenger safety and management had shown its willingness to learn from the lessons highlighted by the inquiry.

Mr Read dismissed as outrageous suggestions that staff at King's Cross protected themselves during the disaster and sacrificed the safety of passengers. He believed some staff deserved commendations for the way they carried out their duties at the bottom of the escalator.

The evacuation of passengers, mainly by train, in the 15 minutes after the ticket hall was engulfed, had been carried out efficiently and effectively.

But, he said, the Underground management did not shrink from accepting that if some things had been better handled, including the failure by staff to use either fire extinguishers or the sprinkler system, the fireball might not have developed so quickly.

Lost village in race against time



Mr Kevin Maloney, aged 26, crossing a makeshift bridge at the abandoned village of Hennard Mill, on the northern edge of Dartmoor Forest, Devon, where archaeologists are racing against time before the region is flooded by the new Roadford reservoir (John Young writes). Investigators from Exeter Museum have unearthed the remains of houses surrounding a water mill at the village, which dates back more than 700 years. Up to 50 people lived in the village until it was abandoned about 150 years ago. Mr Simon Timms, Devon County Council archaeologist, said: "The buildings are examples of houses which just do not exist today. Each of the cob and stone buildings has only one small downstairs room with a finely cobbled floor. One has a cattle byre attached to it in the loghouse tradition." (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Investors clamber on tram bandwagon

By Ian Smith

Private investors are vying for membership of consortia to build and operate Manchester's proposed £50 million tramway system.

Response to invitations for tenders has exceeded the most optimistic predictions of the Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive.

Competing tenders will be honed down to two or three consortia during the next 12 months and names of successful investors will be announced in September next year.

The first phase of the Light Rapid Transport System, boasted to be the world's most innovative, will be in operation by 1992.

Intense interest from more than 100 leading companies both in Britain and abroad was announced yesterday by Mr Guy Harkin, passenger transport authority chairman, when he officially unveiled the name of the new system.

Metrolink will initially link Altrincham and Bury to Manchester city centre, luring four million passengers from road, bus and rail. Subsequent phases will provide 50mph tram links throughout Greater Manchester and carry at least 4,000 workers daily to the city centre, Trafford Park and Salford Quays.

Rules on jet noise may push up fares

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Plans being drawn up in the EEC to phase out noisy jets could have the opposite effect and even lead to higher air fares, the world's airlines have said.

The proposals, which would be accepted throughout Europe, would outlaw the sale of second-hand aircraft which do not meet the latest, more stringent, noise regulations. From January 1, 1990 no European airline would be allowed to buy older Boeing 737s, 727s or McDonnell Douglas DC9s although they would be able to continue flying those they own.

The United States would almost certainly follow suit together with Japan and Australia.

The idea is to force airlines to introduce the newest, quietest aircraft as quickly as possible before noisy jets are banned in about ten years.

But according to the International Air Transport Association (Iata), the rule could backfire by making it impossible for airlines to dispose of older aircraft to second-hand buyers so they would have to keep them for as long as possible.

Iata said that more than 4,000 aircraft world-wide – 54 per cent of jets in use – did not meet the latest noise standards. Their value is estimated at $35 billion and such a ban would reduce their resale value by up to 40 per cent. Without the cash from second-hand sales airlines would either not be able to afford the quieter jets or would have to increase ticket prices.

Iata said no noisy aircraft were now being built and those flying would be phased out by 2020. When earlier noise regulations were introduced, covering such jets as the Boeing 707, many were sold to Third World countries which used them to help to develop their own internal airline systems.

But said Iata, only about 700 of the existing fleet of 4,000 could be sold to developing nations leaving the others to be either scrapped years before the end of their lives, or kept on flying until they were banned.

● A new attempt is to be made to create a transatlantic air service from Prestwick airport in Scotland.

The last airline to try, Highland Express, collapsed last year.

But a group of airline managers now believe a service linking Stansted and Luton through Prestwick to Newark, near New York, could be viable because of growing congestion at Heathrow and Gatwick and the boom in transatlantic travel.

Scotair, the new airline, is in the process of raising up to £5 million and has applied to the Civil Aviation Authority to take over the Highland Express licence.

Prince supports drive to aid black business

By Ronald Faux and Robin Young

The Prince of Wales, president of Business in the Community, yesterday met successful black business people and agencies trying to create jobs in the ethnic communities.

The meeting in London was at Computerland, a City company started on a black initiative which now has 36 staff of differing races.

Meanwhile Mr John Cope, Minister of State for Employment, announced that small firms based in or moving to one of 16 inner-city areas will be able to apply for loans with an 85 per cent government guarantee, 15 per cent more than under the Government's normal scheme.

Mr Cope said in Islington, north London, that the measure would improve the take up of loans for inner-city small businesses which had already doubled to more than 200 a month since January.

The announcement was made at the sixth and last in a series of working breakfasts ministers - have held with businessmen around Britain to promote urban regeneration.

Black people told the Prince about financial discrimination they encountered when approaching banks for help to launch small firms.

One community worker said: "Too often the decision on whether to grant a loan is taken by people who do not appreciate the special circumstances and who are remote from the local branch to which the first approach is made".

The successful business owners who advised the Prince were a bespoke tailor, a hair stylist, two beauty product manufacturers, a car salesman and a bolt maker.

Among suggestions to improve the business prospects for the black community was the creation of an Afro-Caribbean bank. Britain could also learn a great deal, the Prince was told, from how the United States had improved employment prospects for the black community.

Religious split feared

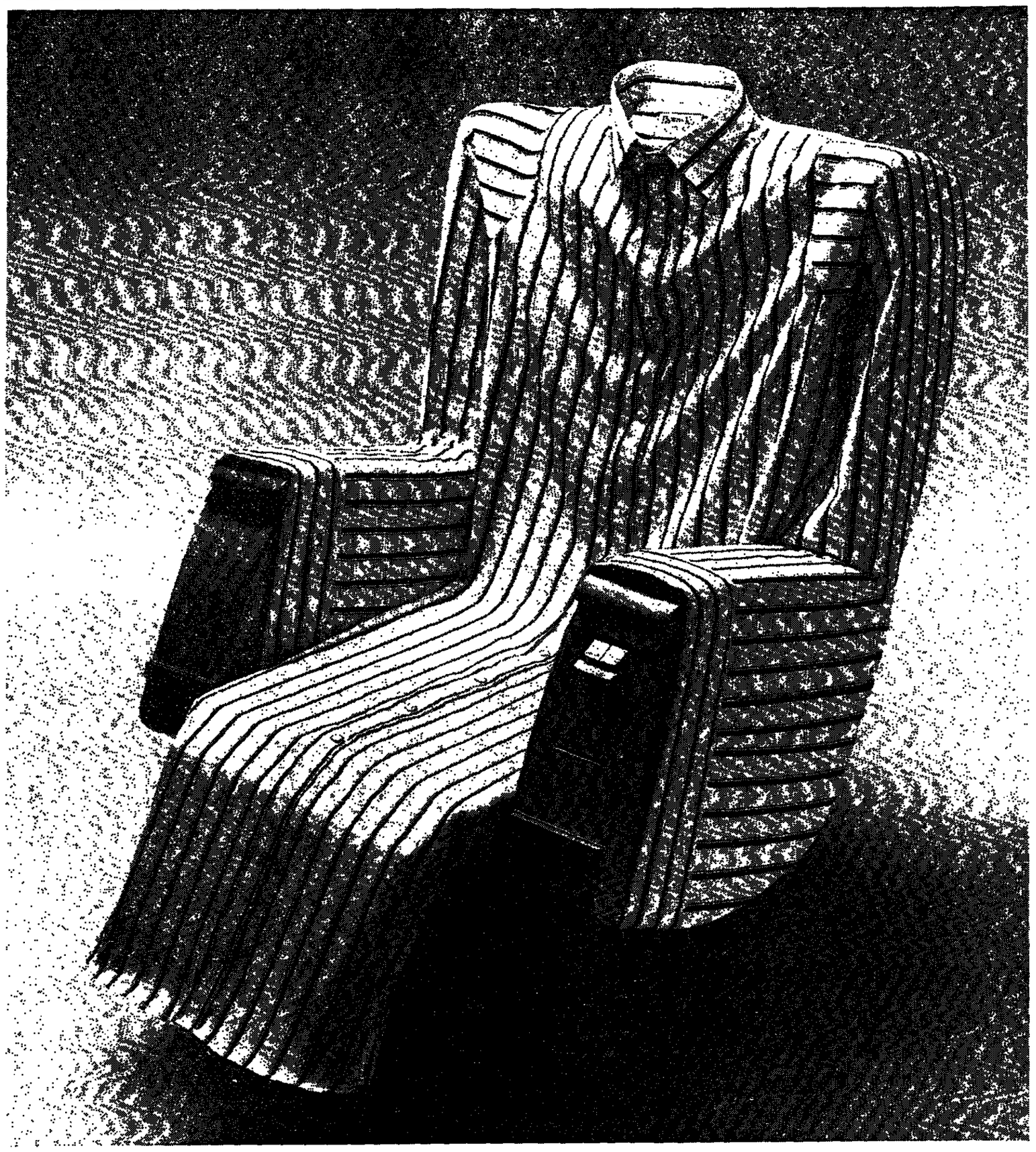
By David Tytler, Education Editor

A ruling by the House of Lords this week that all state schools must have a daily Christian service could lead to a split between parents and schools, teachers' leaders said yesterday.

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Headteachers, said amendments to the Education Reform Bill could lead to some parents withdrawing their children from a Christian service.

He said schools had evolved a form of worship acceptable to parents of all faiths. "The more you drift down the path of parents opting out, the more you emphasize the ethnic and religious differences in schools. And a school should unite both pupils and teachers irrespective of race or faith", he said.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said he hoped the amendments would be changed when the Bill, due to become law in July, returned to the House of Commons.



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40 years on, thriving Berlin relives lessons of the airlift

From Robert Fisk
West Berlin

On the bleak and windy old *airfield at Tempelhof this afternoon* the British and US Ambassadors to West Germany will try to explain why the lessons of the Berlin airlift are as relevant in the age of *glasnost* as they were 40 years ago. It could prove a difficult assignment.

There will be no problem convincing the six ageing veterans — British, American, French and German — who will be standing beside the runway to greet the envoys as they step from an old Dakota. Forty years ago today, together with some 57,000 other aircrew, they were preparing to save West Berlin in an armada of 380 planes that resupplied the city for 16 months, at the rate of up to 4,000 flights a day, after the Russians had imposed their blockade of gas, electricity, food and transport. The statistics are as awesome now as they were then, but the message is not so simple.

Sir Christopher Mallaby, the British Ambassador, will, it is said, reflect on how, in 1948, the Allied occupying powers became protecting powers to the people of West Berlin. Mr Richard Burt, the US Ambassador, will remind his listeners that Berlin remains a touchstone for *glasnost*, a place where the liberal winds said to be emanating from Moscow have yet to damage the smallest piece of concrete on the snake-like wall that has divided the old German capital since 1961.

It is not hard to find reminders of the airlift. Outside the draughty, cavernous Hall No5 at Tempelhof, where the Dakotas were gutted of their supplies with such abandon 40 years ago, the memorial to the 78 Britons, Americans and Germans who died in the airlift still reaches from the grass, a stone abutment to an imaginary bridge that still stretches towards the sky. The airlift museum contains the familiar photographs of West Berliners in their drab, outdated clothes, standing amid the postwar rubble of their streets, staring at the tough, gnat-like Dakotas as they stream over them into Tempelhof, Gatow and Tegel.

But a visitor cannot but reflect that blockaded Berlin has done well for itself in its last four decades of life.

"Our biggest problem," a West Berliner said yesterday as he showed visitors the great monstrosity of Wall, "are the Turks. There are too many of them. Look at this street — every name is Turkish."

The Wall runs down the back of the Turkish *Gastarbeiters'* homes. Stalin, it can truly be said, is today more criticized in Moscow than discussed in the streets of West Berlin. Down at the Lenne "triangle", for example, a sandwich of land between the site of Hitler's underground bunker and the Brandenburg Gate, several hundred young West Berlin men and women — left-wingers for the most part, in hippy clothes, — are clearly not mindful of the sort of history that Mr Burt will be defining this afternoon. They have camped out on a patch of scrubland which is part of the Soviet sector, defended it with ramparts of earth and ringed it with barbed wire. Indeed, they are sleeping scarcely eight feet from the watching but nonchalant faces of the East German *vopos* on the Wall.

But the triangle of territory is — by one of those tortured geographical realignments that broken cities often produce — to become part of the British sector on July 1; which is why, of course, the youth of Kreuzberg are there. They say they object to West Berlin's plans to turn the scrubland into a new road; and the East Germans are *quite prepared to let them* squat on their environmental treasure for another eight days before watching the British deal with the problem. In theory, the three Allied commanders here could seek assistance from their Soviet opposite number in the *Kommandantura* in West Berlin.

But he walked out of the four-power headquarters on June 16, 1948 — a week before the Russian blockade — and never came back. The British had to ask the Soviet Embassy in East Berlin for help, but the Russians there, who allegedly said that they would deal with the youth of Kreuzberg, have done nothing. And yet, the history of Berlin is so powerful, so tangibly present, crushed in upon itself by the Wall, the old Reichstag, the tram tracks and laneways and railway lines that it is impossible to dismiss what happened here 40 years ago.

The Russians have never tried to disguise why they undertook the blockade — to drive the Allied powers out of Berlin — and the airlift itself symbolized the path upon which the postwar world was embarking, every bit as much as the bullet scars on the black old buildings tell of the last days of Hitler's Germany.

For in June, 1948, the nostalgia of the old wartime alliance with Moscow finally collapsed, the political divisions of Germany were consolidated indefinitely, the West Germans became the West's allies, the Deutschmark was born — its introduction marked the start of the blockade — and the Americans and British and French won their first confrontation with the Soviet Union. George Kennan, the State Department director of planning policy staff, had unwittingly written Berlin's future history when he had said, anonymously, in 1947, that "Soviet pressure *against the free institutions* of the Western world is something that can be contained by the adroit and vigilant application of counterforce at a series of constantly shifting geographical and political points..."

Berlin's tragedy is that ever since that day 40 years ago the political point never shifted. It was solidified in 1961 by the Wall. Yesterday afternoon an East German print worker looked across that wall from the presses of his newspaper in East Berlin. Dressed in a blue shirt he leant against the bars of the window, only eight feet from West Berlin, and stared across at us. The bars had been put there to stop him.

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Thatcher presses for navy deal in speech to Canadian MPs

From Robin Oakley, Ottawa

Mrs Margaret Thatcher was yesterday given a rapturous reception by the Canadian Parliament — and seized the occasion to put in a plea for the award of a £3-4 billion nuclear submarine contract to Britain.

The Canadian Navy Assessment Panel will report next week on the merits of the Vickers-built Trafalgar-class boats from Britain and the cheaper but noisier French-built Regis/Amethyste submarines, although a definite decision on the order is likely to await the general election expected shortly in Canada.

The Canadian Senate and Commons had greeted Mrs Thatcher with a standing ovation for nearly two minutes at the start of her second address to the Ottawa Parliament. Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister, praised Mrs Thatcher extravagantly as a "truly outstanding spokesperson for the Western world", and "one of the world's most inspiring leaders" who had transformed Britain "from a nation that lags to a nation that leads".

Mrs Thatcher responded by praising Mr Mulroney's chairmanship of the Toronto economic summit and saying that the 20th Century was the century of Canada. She paid tribute to Canada's valour and sacrifice in two world wars and her resolute contribution to Nato. She issued one of her sternest warnings to the West to remain on guard despite the thawing of East-West relations and the conclusion of the INF treaty, saying that Mr Gorbachov's policies might not succeed and that a prudent defence for the West must plan for the worst case.

"Old ways die hard and there is still little evidence that the Soviet Union's long-term foreign policy objectives have changed," she said. "The reality is that Soviet military spending continues to grow and their weapons systems are being constantly modernized and updated in every field.

"Modern weapons are so sophisticated that they take many years to plan and produce. A mistake or miscalculation now could leave us vulnerable and unprotected at a time when our potential enemies are continuing to increase their military strength."

She welcomed Canada's intention to modernize its navy by acquiring nuclear-powered submarines, winning more applause when she added: "We very much hope from Britain — they are quite the best you know".

Over lunch later with Mr Mulroney Mrs Thatcher was understood to have pressed the claims for the VSEL Trafalgar-class submarines, emphasizing that their "stealth technology" was far superior to that of their French competitors.

Though Mrs Thatcher won applause, before during and after her speech she angered New Democratic Party and some Liberal opposition MPs by passages during which she lauded the free trade deal concluded with America by the Mulroney Goverment, and by her lengthy celebration of Thatcherite economics, which she declared had amounted to Britain's own *perestroika*.

A handful of the angry opposition members who barracked during the applause from Mr Mulroney's Conservative supporters, appeared to leave the chamber early.

● **BRUSSELS:** M Jacques Delors, the President of the European Commission, yesterday returned to Brussels from the Toronto summit with his reputation riding high and his renomination as commission president at next week's EEC summit in Hanover apparently assured (Richard Owen writes).

The commission's four-year mandate expires at the end of the year, and a reshuffle will be hammered out at Hanover.

M Delors would become the first commission president to serve for more than four years since Dr Walter Hallstein of West Germany in the 1960s.

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Norway counts costs of seal invasion

From Andrew Morgan
Kirkenes, Norway

Norway, suffering from the biggest migration of seals this century, yesterday forecast a further decline in its northern fishing communities.

Yesterday afternoon only a handful of inshore fishing boats were visible along the 400-mile coastline between the North Cape and the Russian border as a result of the seals decimating fish stocks.

For Mr Sigbjorn Lonnelde, of the Directorate of Fisheries, the deserted Arctic Ocean was a distressing sight. "Normally, in mid-June, there would be hundreds of boats using gillnets and long lines to catch a variety of fish. For the Norwegian, it is a sad sight."

However, those fishermen retreating to their isolated homes on fjords under snow-capped wastes were encouraged by reports of seal sightings near the North Cape and the town of Hammerfest, the world's most northerly town, as the mammals headed back to the Barents Sea.

From the air near the North Cape, it was possible to see groups of harp seals romping in the powerful sun in schools of several hundred. "They appear to be so harmless but they are ruining the multi-million pound local economy," Mr Lonnelde said.

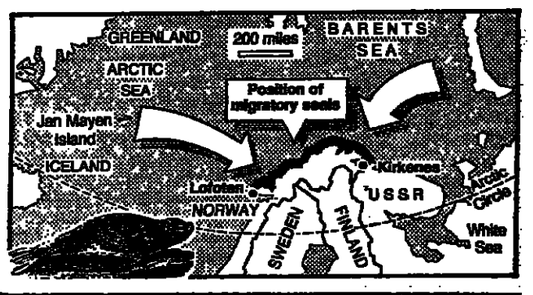
Norwegians blame the invasion of several hundred thousand harp seals on a sharp rise in the seal population and subsequent pressures on feeding grounds in the White Sea and around Jan Mayen Island off Greenland. The increase, they claim, followed a 1983 EEC ban on seal pup products which reduced organized hunts.

But environmental groups, such as Greenpeace, say numbers have remained static and the migration has been caused by Norway and Eastern bloc nations overfishing. This has reduced stocks for inshore fishermen in the Troms and Finnmark regions. The seal invasion has occurred for the past 11 years.

Norway has paid subsidies to fishermen for the past two years to hunt adult seals. Despite the drop in kills, Mr Bjarne Mork Eidem, Minister of Fisheries, was yesterday in Leningrad trying to convince the Russians to increase the total annual quota in the White Sea, under Soviet jurisdiction, to 150,000. But the Russians appear to think the quota of 70,000, with Norway's allowance of 16,600, is about right. On Jan Mayen Island, which is under Norwegian control, this year's total quota of harp seals is 28,000.



A Norwegian fisherman standing beside 300 seals killed in a one-day hunt in Billefjord. Fishing communities have been carrying out such hunts to save their livelihood from thousands of harp seals, which are decimating fish stocks.



WORLD ROUNDUP

New bishops for Chinese church

Peking (Reuter) — China's growing Protestant church will install its first bishops for more than 30 years on Sunday in a further sign of a religious revival. Church officials said that Mr Shen Yifan and Mr Sun Yanli, both senior pastors, would be consecrated as bishops at Shanghai's Muen church.

"It shows that the church in China is part of the worldwide Christian community," Mr Shen said of his installation. "I think this will help strengthen the church leadership." China's Protestants have only six bishops, four of them active and most of them elderly.

Unesco woos Britain

Professor Federico Mayor, the new director-general of Unesco, the United Nations' troubled cultural agency, arrived in London yesterday for talks at the Foreign Office and Westminster in an attempt to entice Britain to reapply for membership of the organization (Our Foreign Staff writes).

He met Mr Timothy Eggar, Under Secretary of State at the Foreign Office, but Whitehall sources said afterwards that Britain would not consider rejoining Unesco until "there is clear evidence of fundamental reforms".

Disappearing cavities

Washington — Americans, who boast the Western world's pearliest teeth, can claim another dental milestone. Half the country's 43 million children have no cavities, and ever fewer will get them, a new study shows (Michael Binyon writes). Every seven years, tooth decay among children declines 36 per cent.

The National Institute of Dental Research, which surveyed 40,000 children, attributed the "remarkable, almost unbelievable result" to the use of more fluoride and the common use of dental sealant. In the 1940s, US children had on average seven teeth with decay. The drop is not attributable to dietary changes: each American still eats on average 120 lb of sugar a year.

Sabotage white guilty

Harare (AFP) — Rory Burt MacGuire, aged 37, a white Bulawayo garage owner, has been found guilty of assisting South African agents who carried out sabotage attacks in Zimbabwe in which one person was killed. He was the first of six Zimbabweans to stand trial for involvement in a series of five attacks on centres of activity of South Africa's banned African National Congress in Zimbabwe between May 1986 and January this year. He will be sentenced today.

The case against the six is viewed by diplomats here as the most important yet to expose South Africa's espionage and sabotage network in Zimbabwe. MacGuire offered to become a state witness and identify who had detonated the car bomb which killed a Zimbabwean man on January 11.

Stalin critic cleared

Moscow (Reuter) — The Soviet Supreme Court has cleared the name of a communist who warned against Josef Stalin and was executed in one of the dictator's purges, *Moscow News* reported yesterday.

It said that Martemyan Ryutin, who had been a leader of the Moscow Communist Party organization, circulated underground pamphlets saying Stalin "was moving the revolution to the brink of disaster". Stalin wanted him shot at once, but he did not then have the power to do so. Instead Ryutin was sentenced to 15 years in prison in 1932. He was executed five years later, by which time Stalin was firmly entrenched and conducting his massive purge of the party.

Kremlin vows to hit back over Ottawa expulsions

From A Correspondent, Moscow

The Kremlin yesterday described the expulsion of 17 Soviet diplomats from Canada for alleged involvement in industrial spying as a groundless provocation and promised to retaliate against Ottawa's diplomats here.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Foreign Ministry spokesman, told a news conference that Mr Vernon Turner, the Canadian Ambassador, would be informed "as soon as possible" about the measures to be taken. Mr Gerasimov hinted at a tit-for-tat expulsion war, similar to that between the Soviet Union and Britain in 1985, when each expelled 31 of the other's diplomats and journalists.

"This naturally will not remain without due reply," Mr Gerasimov said. "It is an obvious provocation, planned in advance, which has nothing to do with the character or activities of Soviet citizens in Canada."

He added that the mass expulsion "was clearly timed for a moment when prospects for improvement were apparent in East-West relations, including Soviet-US and Soviet-Canadian relations".

He blamed this on conservative forces in Canada, which were trying to "torpedo" relations between the two countries. "The Canadian security service served as a convenient tool in the hands of these forces."

Ottawa expelled eight Soviet diplomats last week and barred nine others from future entry into Canada for "improper and unacceptable behaviour" — diplomatic parlance for spying. The 17 were accused of industrial spying rather than seeking military information.

A Canadian diplomat here said: "I guess it's just a matter of time, and there's not much we can do. We just have to wait. I'd hate to leave now, the weather is so nice."

● **TORONTO:** The expulsions were confirmed here by Mr Brian Mulroney, the Canadian Prime Minister, at the conclusion of the economic summit of the seven leading industrialized democracies on Tuesday night (Reuter reports). "I can confirm to you that we took some strong action last week," he told reporters. But he gave few details, saying that more information would be released later in Ottawa, in a statement to the Commons.

It was the first expulsion order issued by Canada against Eastern bloc diplomats since 1984. Officials said that two of the diplomats were being sent home from the Soviet Embassy in Ottawa and six others from the Soviet Consulate in Montreal.

The expulsion order was delivered to Soviet officials last week in the form of a diplomatic protest, said an official.

It was not immediately clear whether the charges were linked to the arrest in Newfoundland this month of Mr Stephen Joseph Ratkai, Canadian-born of Hungarian descent, who is charged with spying for Moscow.

Socialists rely on tactical windfall in assembly vote

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

With the resignation of the French Government at midnight yesterday, the complex manoeuvring for power now shifts to the National Assembly. The deputies of the hung Parliament will assemble today for the first time in almost six months to choose their next president, a position broadly comparable to that of the Speaker in the Commons.

The "fall" of the short-lived Administration of M Michel Rocard, the Prime Minister, is entirely a matter of tactics. Since Cabinet ministers cannot sit in the assembly, the mass resignation will produce a precious windfall of 24 votes that should see the Socialist candidate home, albeit with crucial support from the Communists.

Assuming this does the trick for M Laurent Fabius, a former Prime Minister under M François Mitterrand, the Socialists will have their man in France's third highest office after the President and the leader of the Senate.

It is no secret, however, that many deputies on the left are not greatly enamoured of M Fabius, whose lingering image as a pushy whizz-kid helps explain why party members recently turned him down for the post of secretary-general.

The assembly's previous conservative president, M Jacques Chaban-Delmas, has earned great respect for his impartiality and control over the most turbulent sittings. He is standing again today, along with a Communist candidate, but the votes of the former ministers are likely to sink the veteran's rival.

Although the new session is scheduled to last until July 7, there is still considerable confusion about the precise course of events over the next week or so. M Rocard is due to deliver the traditional prime ministerial address to the assembly in a week's time, but this will not be put to a vote.

The likeliest explanation for this departure from tradition is that a new government will, by then, have been formed with the consequent loss of Socialist support on the assembly benches. In any case, nothing of great significance is expected from M Rocard until the French return from long summer holidays.

Elsewhere on the parliamentary front, M Raymond Barre announced that he would, after all, be joining the Union du Centre conservative alliance.

M Barre, who has previously stood aloof from any one party, declared that he intended to present an opposition "without complaisance but also without sectarianism" and would support the Socialist Government "whenever I judge that to be in the interests of the nation".

M Barre's "defection" will undoubtedly be interpreted by the moderate conservative camp as an attempt to re-establish himself on France's political landscape. M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, for one, will not be thrilled. He does not conceal the belief that he is now the natural leader of the emergent political centre.

East bloc faithful will flock to hear the Pope

By A Correspondent

More than 150,000 Eastern European pilgrims are expected to arrive at a little airfield near the Hungarian border with Austria when the Pope says a special mass there tomorrow.

Church and Austrian government officials estimate that more than 100,000 Hungarian Catholics will walk, drive, crawl, and even wheel themselves along the backroads that lead to the village of Trausdorf, five miles from the Hungarian watchtowers.

The human deluge is a visible sign of the Gorbachov era's trend towards easier travel for East Europeans. Most will come as tour groups, while another 50,000 Eastern Europeans, including Yugoslavs, Czechoslovakians, Romanians and Poles, will make private arrangements to attend the mass, which is shaping up as an important sermon on East-West relations. There are some fears that of the huge contingent of Hungarians expected — the largest influx since the 1956 Hungarian uprising when 200,000 asylum seekers found a haven in Austria — perhaps 10 per cent will this time seek asylum after the mass.

All will likely be gently pushed back across the wire, say Austrian officials. This year the normally liberal Austrians have cracked down on so-called "economic refugees" because their own economy is mired.

● Dr Waldheim will not play as spirited a role as host as he would have liked ●

Hungarians have tripped over themselves to get to the site early for a view of the Pope. One handicapped man wheeled his wheelchair more than 170 miles of country roads from Budapest last week to see the Pope.

He has good reason: the Hungarian Government in the past has steadfastly for political reasons refused numerous Vatican overtures for a Papal visit.

While some have expressed concern that the papal visit is poorly timed in the light of the ominous clouds hanging over President Waldheim and his war-time past and the resulting dip in Catholic-Jewish relations, no one doubts that the Pope has much to iron out.

The Waldheim issue aside, many Austrian Catholics are angry with the Pope for his appointment of three conservative bishops, including the Archbishop of Vienna, Hans Hermann Groer, who will be made a cardinal by the Pope in a ceremony in Rome on June 28.

Church officials have said that such papal appointments, including that of the Vienna auxilliary bishop, Herr Kurt Krenn, have "polarized" the wealthy and increasingly progressive leading church. Herr Krenn has become a lightning rod for controversy, with close ties to several arch-conservative Catholic groups including the powerful Opus Dei. One Vienna newspaper called him a "Catholic Khomeini".

Partly in protest, a number of Austrian Catholics have fled the church in recent years, 18,000 in Vienna yearly and about 30,000 nationwide of the estimated 85 per cent Catholic population.

Because of Austria's importance as a geo-political bridge between East and West and its role as a traditional haven for refugees from the East, the Pope's two open-air masses along the borders with Communist neighbours Hungary and Yugoslavia, which both refuse to host papal visits, are expected to draw more than 100,000 Hungarians and at least half as many Yugoslavs.

The Pope has always stayed in close contact with Eastern European resistance and underground leaders, and is expected to meet a number of them privately during his stay in Austria. The Pope's whirlwind schedule includes church masses in urban centres Salzburg and Innsbruck on Sunday and Monday.

The Pope will have a farewell send-off by President Waldheim from Innsbruck airport next Monday evening.

Vatican and presidential officials have taken different

● A handicapped man wheeled his wheelchair 170 miles to see Pontiff ●

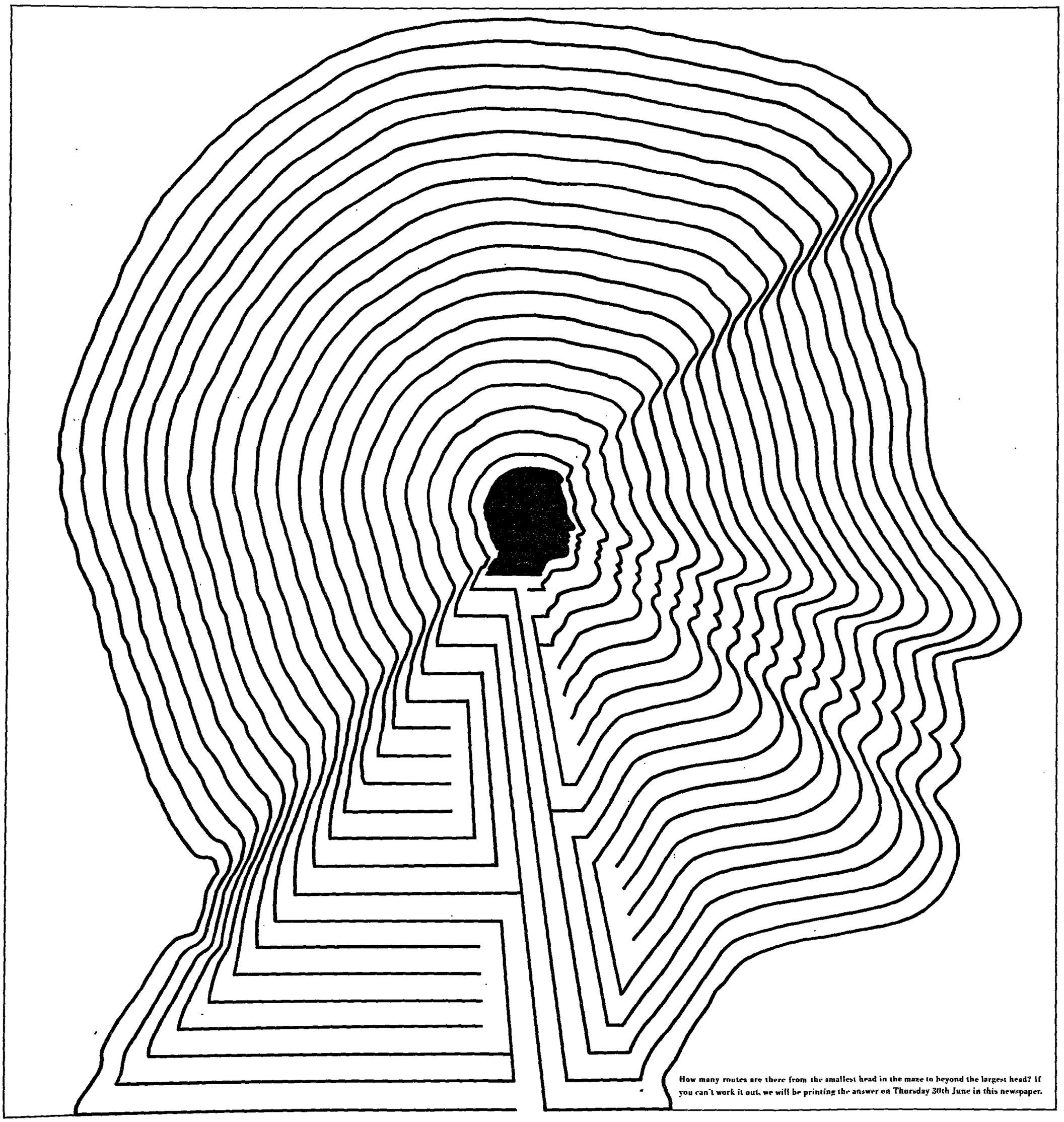
tacks on the significance of the Waldheim issue. One Waldheim spokesman said he hoped the visit "would break the ice" for other European leaders reluctant to be seen with the former UN Secretary General. For their part, Vatican officials have played down this aspect of the visit, while one Austrian church official admitted that Dr Waldheim "will not play as spirited a role" as host as he would have liked.

President Waldheim will greet the Pope on his arrival in Vienna at the airport tomorrow. He will attend a service with the Pope at Vienna's St Stephen's Cathedral, then host a diplomatic reception for the pontiff later in the day, but will not see him again before the Innsbruck send-off.

Most significantly, Dr Waldheim will not accompany the Pope to the concentration camp at Mauthausen, 100 miles West of Vienna, on Friday, where some of the prisoners of Dr Waldheim's army unit were believed to have been sent for extermination.

Before the Mauthausen visit the Pope will hold talks with Jewish community leaders, including the president of the community, Herr Paul Gross, who said that Dr Waldheim's name would come up in the meeting Friday, but refused to criticize the Pope for meeting the President.

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Dole buries animosity and emerges as a running mate

From Michael Binyon, Washington

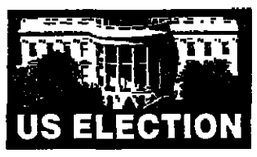
Senator Robert Dole, who only four months ago fought a bitter and losing battle with Vice-President George Bush as Republican presidential candidate, appears to be positioning himself as Mr Bush's potential running mate.

His current manner is in marked contrast to his cutting challenges to Mr Bush during the New Hampshire primary to point to one single achievement during his seven years as Vice-President.

So deep was the personal animosity between the two that Mr Dole snarled at Mr Bush during a television confrontation to "stop lying about my record".

Political analysts here, however, see a growing possibility that Senator Dole may be chosen as Mr Bush's running mate. He has demonstrated his toughness on the campaign trail; he would bring widespread support from the Midwest and the farm belt; he would demonstrate, as Senate Republican leader, congressional backing for Mr Bush; and, symbolically, his presence on the ticket would heal the bitter rift in the party.

Senior Republicans, alarmed by Governor Michael Dukakis's strong lead in the polls, have launched a campaign to drum up enthusiasm



and support for Mr Bush in the country as well as in the Republican Party.

Led by Senator Dole, Republican senators promised the Vice-President that they were "ready to hit the road" on his behalf.

Mr Dole, who has in a demonstrative show of support tried to bury his former animosity, now appears to be positioning himself to accept the vice-presidential slot if it is offered to him by Mr Bush.

At a meeting on Capitol Hill with Mr Bush on Tuesday, Senate Republicans said they were concerned about recent polls showing him trailing Mr Dukakis, and pledged to do what they could to get him elected.

"We're ready to go like a bunch of trout ready to jump out of the water," said Senator Alan Simpson of Wyoming. "We're going to get out our assignments and spread out across the country."

Mr Bush said he appreciated their support, and added: "I'm convinced we can carry the day. I am not going to be hustled out by Michael Dukakis, I can guarantee you."

He then received a letter signed by all 46 Senate Republicans expressing their confidence in his victory in November, but adding that: "We take nothing for granted."

The letter was delivered into a white mailbox, like those outside every American house, which was inscribed "G & B Bush, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue" — the initials standing for George and his wife Barbara, and the address being that of the White House. Senator Dole, who put on a smiling show of enthusiasm at the televised handing over of the mailbox, said the session "wasn't just an endorsement, it was a willingness to say we're available, send us where he wants ... it is a total commitment between now and election day to win this election".

Mr Dole pointedly refused to answer reporters' questions about his interest in the vice-presidency after his meeting with Mr Bush.

The Vice-President meanwhile has shrugged off the bad news from the latest polls, which put him trailing far behind Mr Dukakis by 39 to 51 points. "I read the polls. They don't bother me," he said, insisting that he liked fighting back, and that his message was right.

He continued his attacks on the Massachusetts Governor for his liberal treament of criminals in his state, attacking him for releasing convicted first-degree murderers "on vacation".

Grief as arms driver is jailed



From Mario Modiano
Athens

A Palestinian-born West German broke down in a Piraeus courtroom yesterday after being sentenced to three years in jail and a fine of £290 for driving a car carrying weapons and explosives on board an Israel-bound ferry.

Omar Soffareny, a photo-technician, aged 41, told the court he had lived in West Germany for the last 20 years, and visited his mother in Nazareth each summer. He said he knew nothing about the explosives and would do nothing to stop him seeing his family in Israel.

An officer of the Piraeus harbour police anti-terrorist squad said the authorities, acting on a tip, had arrested him on Monday after finding a gun, 20 detonators and bottles of explosives in his car.

The materials were hidden in containers welded to the chassis of his Mercedes, which he had driven on board the ferry, Paloma, due to sail for Haifa.

Soffareny said he had had the car overhauled three weeks ago in a garage in Nuremberg owned by a Syrian. Born in Nazareth, the defendant had an Israeli passport until five years ago when he acquired West German citizenship.

Shamir joins in criticism of Rabin over control of Palestinian unrest

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, said yesterday that he was not completely satisfied with the way his Defence Minister, Mr Yitzhak Rabin, was handling the Palestinian uprising. Mr Rabin, he said, knew that more could be done, and that "there are certain steps which can be taken in response to certain actions".

Mr Shamir was speaking during a visit to Haemeq, near Nazareth. He was commenting on remarks made on Tuesday evening by Mr Ariel Sharon, the controversial Trade and Industry Minister, who said Mr Rabin should be dismissed for failing to bring the uprising under control.

Far from reprimanding Mr Sharon for sowing discord in the Cabinet, the Prime Minister said he was entitled to say what he thought. Since the start of the uprising Mr Sharon, who was dismissed as Defence Minister over the Lebanon war, has complained that the Army has not been allowed to act firmly enough.

The attack on Mr Rabin comes as it has been revealed that he has had a series of meetings with Palestinians in recent weeks. The names of those concerned have not been revealed for fear of putting their lives in danger, and there has been no report of anything being achieved.

However, the fact that the Defence Minister has been talking to Palestinians while there is still trouble in the occupied territories has given his political enemies in the Likud faction the chance to question his reputation as the tough man of the Labour Party.

The criticism came on a day when security forces succeeded in keeping near total quiet in the territories, despite a leaflet distributed by the leadership of the uprising calling on Palestinians to destroy Israeli property.

With a new upgraded deployment of police operating as firewatchers and with the civil guard and nature reserve wardens on duty while light aircraft circled remote forest areas no serious fires were reported during daylight hours. If there were no fires, however, shopkeepers, businesses, public transport and schools obeyed instructions in the leaflet for a total general strike.

The Army was also busy inside Lebanon, where it gave chase to a group of four armed men spotted just to the north of the so-called "security zone", which Israel controls. The four were captured after a gun battle in which three of the gunmen were wounded.

It is now three years since Israel pulled the bulk of its forces out of Lebanon. Since then there have been 28 infiltration attempts, 35 Israeli soldiers have been killed and 156 wounded as well as 11 civilians. About 360 gunmen have been killed.

● *Tear gas victims: At least 40 Palestinians, most of them babies and elderly people, may have died as a result of exposure to tear gas in the past six months in the occupied territories, Amnesty International says in a report today (Nicholas Beeston writes).*

The report, citing local medical staff, claims that 18 babies aged less than six months and 17 people aged more than 50 were among the fatalities, which included a pregnant woman and people suffering from respiratory diseases.

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Greek Cabinet changes

Papandreou's son in election team

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, said yesterday that he had remoulded his 48-member Socialist Government into a "battle team" for a general election which he said would be held on June 18, 1989.

This confirmation of the scheduled date dispelled speculation that he might go to the polls earlier. "The decision is final and irrevocable," he said.

His new ministers yesterday took the oath of office, which was administered by Archbishop Seraphim, the Orthodox Primate of Greece, in the presence of President Sartzetakis.

The limelight, however, was on Mr George Papandreou, aged 36, the Prime Minister's eldest son, who was appointed Minister of Education at a time of turmoil. A teachers' strike for higher pay, in its fifth week, is turning against the Government the families of 350,000 pupils whose school examinations were disrupted this year.

His appointment — besides showing that dynastic traditions in Greek politics die hard — was seen as a message from the Prime Minister to the strikers that a compromise was possible since he was not expected to let his son fail where other ministers have foundered.

The younger Mr Papandreou, who has already made overtures to the teachers, takes a post his paternal grandfather held successfully 56 years ago, when he laid the foundations of a progressive educational system that, many Greeks believe, now lie in a shambles.

The Cabinet reshuffle was testily greeted by the opposition press with such headlines as: "From the father and the son and the holy election ghost."

This was the 14th change since he came to power in 1981, and the eighth since the 1985 elections which gave him a second term — an average term of less than six months a Cabinet. Miss Melina Mercouri, the Minister of Culture, has remained unscathed through them all.

With Greece assuming the presidency of the EEC in a week, there were no changes in foreign affairs or the economy. But responsibility for public order changed hands as General Antonis Drosoyiannis was replaced for failing to end domestic terrorism and police corruption.

An important new post of Minister of State was created for Mr Dimitri Maroudas, Mr Papandreou's first Press Minister, who will be in charge not only of state radio and television, the ultimate weapons in a Greek election, but also the possible award of satellite television licences to Greek newspaper publishers.

The Cabinet: **Prime Minister** Andreas Papandreou. **Deputy Premier & Defence** Yiannis Haralambopoulos. **Deputy Premier & Justice** Agamemnon Koutsoyiorgas. **Minister in charge of Prime Minister's office** Apostolos Kaklamanis. **Minister of State (media)** Dimitris Maroudas. **Foreign Affairs** Karolos Papoulias.

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Black leader delivers lethal blow to multi-racial council

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African Government's new-look proposal for a multi-racial advisory council through which the country's blacks would be able take part in negotiations to shape a new constitution has been dealt a lethal blow by the one black political leader who might have been able to give it some credibility.

Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Chief Minister of the KwaZulu tribal homeland, who is now the only prominent black opponent of the Government not in jail or exile or under some other form of restriction, said yesterday that no black of "calibre or representativeness" would sit on the council without "the unshackling of black democracy".

"I and other important black leaders in South Africa will only become involved when all black leaders are free to choose whether or not they want to be involved," Chief Buthelezi said. That meant that Nelson Mandela of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), and other jailed black leaders would have to be set free and allowed to operate without restriction on their political activity.

Another condition for his participation in the council, Chief Buthelezi said, was the Government's prior commitment to scrap the existing Parliament, with its three segregated chambers for the white, Indian and Coloured minorities, and to replace it with "one sovereign parliament" that would embody the majority rule principle in some form.

Without Chief Buthelezi's backing, the council has no chance of success. He heads the well-drilled Inkatha organization, which claims more than 1 million members drawn mainly from rural and migrant worker Zulus.

The Zulus account for about 25 per cent of South Africa's 23 million blacks, who in turn make up 73 per cent of the country's population.

Chief Buthelezi, though regarded as a puppet by more radical blacks, is by far the most influential of the six "self-governing" homeland leaders who would be offered 12 of the maximum of 59 seats on the proposed council – one each for themselves and one for a designated member of the legislative assembly in each of the homelands.

Three of the other five homeland leaders eligible to sit on the council have said previously that they would not take part for reasons similar to those of Chief Buthelezi. Their views are unlikely to have been changed, so at least eight of the 12 seats for homeland leaders and their designated "alternate members" seem likely to be left vacant.

Eighteen other seats on the proposed council are reserved for representatives of urban black communities outside the tribal homelands. These would be chosen by electoral colleges formed from about 1,800 black township councillors due to be elected on October 26, when South Africans of all races will vote in segregated white, black, Coloured and Indian municipal council elections.

More radical black groups, such as the United Democratic Front and the ANC, have not yet commented on the council proposal, but their total rejection of it goes without saying.

In recent interviews with *The Times* in Lusaka, ANC leaders said they would campaign for, and if necessary use "revolutionary violence" to enforce, a mass black boycott of the October municipal elections. In Parliament in Cape Town, the two main white opposition groups, the liberal Progressive Federal Party and the far-right Conservative Party, have also condemned the council proposal, which, as the Promotion of Constitutional Development Bill, is going through its second and probably final reading at an unprecedented joint session of the three chambers.

Conservative MPs claimed the council would be an "ill-fated step" on the road to black majority rule and the extinction of the Afrikaner culture and people, while Mr Colin Eglin, leader of the Progressives, said that "by no stretch of the imagination could the council be said to be representative of the people of South Africa as a whole".

The Coloured leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, welcomed the council proposal as "the start of a new era", a sentiment echoed by Mr Amichand Rajbansi of the Indian House of Delegates.

Johannesburg – At least eight people, blacks and whites, were reported injured, four of them seriously, in a bomb explosion in an amusement arcade in central Johannesburg yesterday (Michael Hornsby writes). If the African National Congress was responsible, the blast would appear to confirm a trend towards indiscriminate bombing. Meanwhile, the South African Defence Force justified a raid into Botswana, saying it was to gather information about ANC guerrillas.

Railway staff take hard line



More than 100 railway workers staging a sit-down protest yesterday at Hualampong station in Thailand. Their blockade of the track in a union dispute forced the cancellation of 20 train services. Riot police moved in to restore order as thousands of commuters were stranded.

Five-year exile ends for Tamils

Colombo – Three leaders of the Tamil United Liberation Front, once the main Tamil party in Sri Lanka's Northern and Eastern provinces, are returning today after nearly five years of self-imposed exile in India (Vijitha Yapa writes).

The party's 14 MPs boycotted Parliament in 1983 rather than take an oath of allegiance to a unitary state. Party leaders have remained in Madras since 1984, when they received death threats from Tamil guerrillas.

Lawyer held

Suva (Reuter) – Mr Christopher Harder, the Canadian lawyer defending five Indians charged with smuggling arms into Fiji, was detained for questioning.

Turnout down

Warsaw (Reuter) – The lowest-ever election turnout figure in Poland was reduced from 56 to 55.01 per cent when the electoral commission revised its estimate.

Climber dies

Srinagar (Reuter) – Keith Meyer, a British climber, fell to his death in the north Indian region of Ladakh.

Hanoi leader

Hanoi (AFP) – Mr Do Muoi, the Communist Party's designated candidate, was elected Prime Minister of Vietnam.

Kenya's political volcano

Unrest brews in Moi's land of milk and honey

From Andrew Buckoke, Nairobi

Many visitors, apparently including Mrs Thatcher when she visited in January, see Kenya as Africa's land of milk and honey in its 25th year of independence. But many residents think they are sitting on a volcano. It is impossible to tell when it will erupt, but the pressure is building up.

The reason for the rosy first view is easy enough to see: the good roads, smart shops, offices and hotels paid for by Kenya's undoubted success in developing its three main foreign-exchange earners of coffee, tea and tourism.

The causes of the second, pessimistic attitude are less obvious unless – unlike Mrs Thatcher – you visit an evil-smelling slum like Nairobi's Mathare Valley, where people driven to the towns, by the pressure of one of the world's fastest population growth rates on the country's limited fertile land, look on with envy at the elite's Mercedes and suburban villas.

There are no jobs for most of the poor. Only some 70,000 posts were created in 1987, yet there were more than 300,000 school-leavers.



President Moi

'He has become increasingly authoritarian'

President Moi, who reaches his own 10th anniversary in power this year, and the ruling elite point with justification to the country's past economic success compared with the rest of black Africa. But their patriarchal style may be ill-suited to the development of the new industries, particularly in manufacturing, that are the only hope for generating jobs and incomes to satisfy the people's aspirations.

The President is seen as the father of the nation, respected and feared as the ultimate distributor of largess or discipline, but genuinely popular in many areas. The largess is derived from his and ministers' extensive business interests. The problem is that those firms' profitability is dependent on their near-monopolization of a relatively small market. If they are to grow and export, and so provide the jobs, they must be exposed to more competition.

There are continuing calls for the sweeping indigenization of the economy, even though this appears to mean protecting enterprises owned by Africans, as opposed to Asians, white Kenyans or foreigners. All too often, indigenization amounts to members of the elite taking over an existing profitable business. The necessity to head off popular discontent has led President Moi's Government to an increasingly authoritarian stance, with both the Auditor-General and Attorney-General stripped of their security of tenure, and the sole ruling party, Kanu, declared supreme over Parliament, the judiciary and all other institutions in the last two years.

The parliamentary elections earlier this year ended with allegations of extensive rigging. The debate over the open-air queuing method used in the preliminaries – and now proposed for the final stage as well – goes on.

Churches and lawyers have continued to criticize the expected loss of the secret ballot, but the issue gives a slightly artificial impression of politics in Kenya. Whether election is by queuing or a secret ballot, all candidates must be approved by the party, and no serious critic of the Government is likely to be allowed to win a seat.

Though some senior politicians, particularly from the powerful Kikuyu and Luo tribes – Mr Moi is from the small Kalenjin tribe – may have aspirations to power, these are kept carefully hidden. The result is that the only serious opposition evident in recent years was MwaKenya, a shadowy Marxist organization that claimed to be waging a guerrilla war against a neo-colonialist government – though its only confirmed action was an attempted train derailment.

A government crackdown against the movement over the past two years has raised concerns about human rights abuses in Kenya.

There are strong similarities in accounts by different suspects of treatment meted out, including being held naked in partially water-filled cells for days at a time, so that their skin starts rotting off.

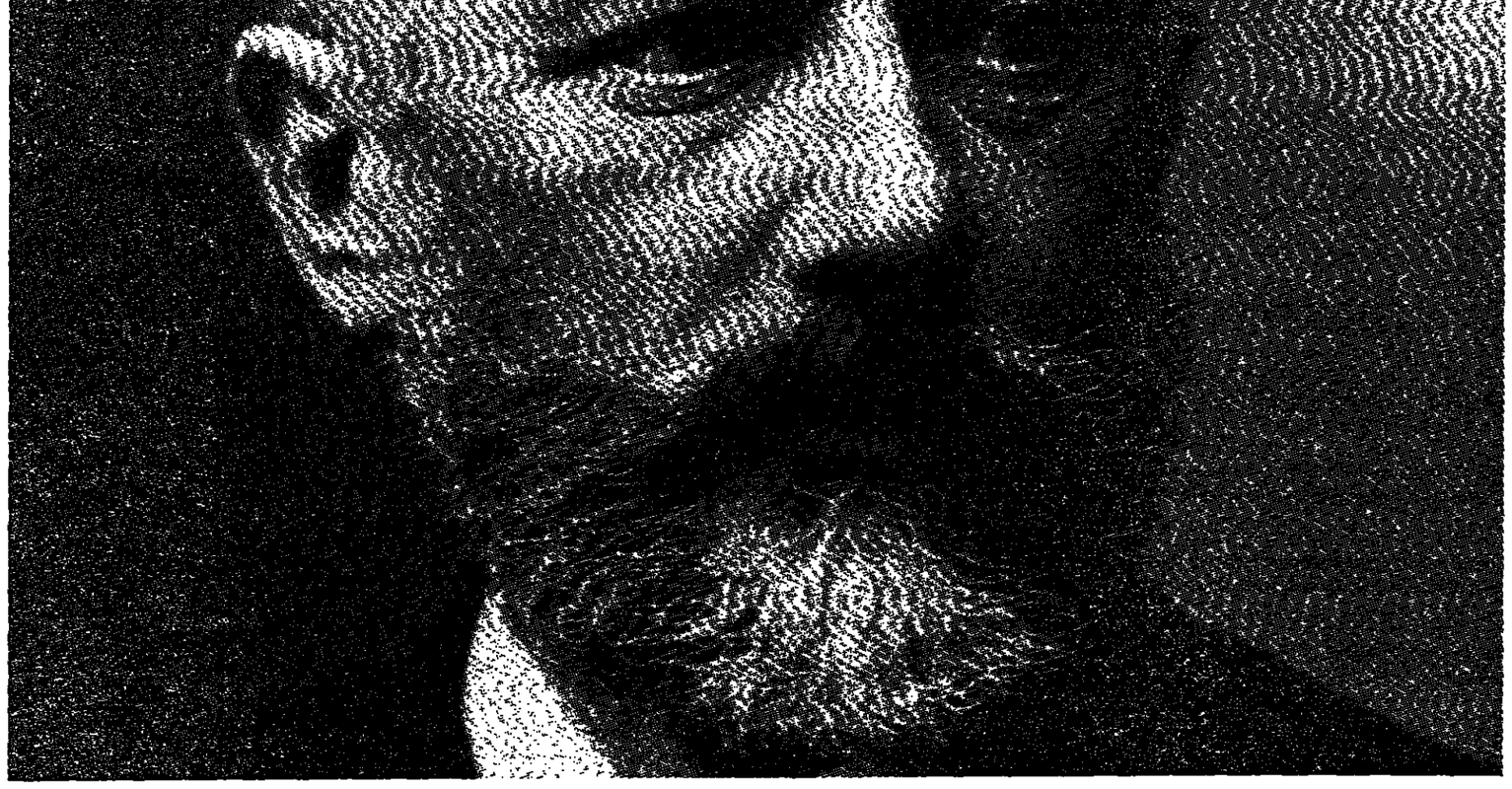
Publicity about these cases may have led to an easing of the handling of such suspects. But though the recent inquest on one MwaKenya suspect who died in custody found that he had been mistreated, no one has been prosecuted. Mr Peter Karanja died of pneumonia and gangrene of the intestine, consistent with internal injuries resulting from severe beatings.

MwaKenya seems to have faded away, but the causes of disaffection among the jobless and landless remain.

The country's population of about 23 million is still growing at nearly 4 per cent annually, and is expected to reach 36 million by the end of the century.

Manufacturing, which is probably the only source of jobs for many of those additional youngsters, only increased its share of the economy from 8 per cent in 1964 to 13 per cent by 1986.

These statistics – along with the military and naval facilities used by the US and, to a lesser extent, Britain – help explain why Kenya is one of the largest aid recipients in Africa, absorbing around $600 million (£336 million) a year. If the volcano erupts, it would be a disaster not just for Kenya, but for Western interests throughout Africa.



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PARLIAMENT

Minister moves to improve use of council housing

The Government is to come forward with legislation in the next session of Parliament to improve the use of council housing stock and to cut councils' dependence on temporary accommodation, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, told MPs.

Speaking during a debate on housing and planning initiated by the Opposition, he said that in the meantime local authorities would be asked for details of all their empty property. In future HIP (Housing Investment Programme) negotiations, councils would be asked to include with their submissions statements of their policy to minimize empty dwellings.

The Government had been considering ways in which the 112,000 empty council houses could be brought into use. It was a scandal that the number of empty properties in London exceeded number in bed-and-breakfast accommodation.

Mr Clive Soley, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, opening the debate, moved a motion condemning the Government's failure to restrain development in the South-east and to provide low-cost housing.

He said that the finger pointed directly at the Government for the increase in homelessness since it took office, for the rapid rise in house prices and for the collapse in the supply of low-rent accommodation.

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That was compounded by the blindness of the Government to economic policies that distorted the economy, particularly between the North and South, but also within the regions.

The most damaging act of all was the way the Government seemed to regard local authority officers as *parasites and a burden* on the economy instead of as part of a drive towards a modern and effective economy.

In many parts of southern England, two or three-bedroom houses were selling at between £100,000 and £200,000. How could the ordinary local employee earning £90 a week in Dorset do anything about buying a house?

Then the Government came along with its Housing Bill to let rents find their market level, so, with houses selling at those prices, rents could rise to between £100 and £200 a week.

The Government thus faced the appalling prospect of either increasing housing benefit so sharply that it approached the *subsidy given to house purchasers* through mortgage tax relief, or of doing nothing.

Labour would not abolish mortgage interest subsidy, but it had to be reformed.

The Government should make available to local authorities all capital receipts from the sale of council houses in order to house the homeless and to repair and renovate.

The Government should come forward with plans to redress the imbalance in the economy, improve the infrastructure, increase the supply of houses rather than cutting it so drastically as they had done, and improve the planning system.

Mr Ridley said that the Government's ability to ensure that everyone had access to a decent home depended to a large extent on the willingness to release land for new house building. There was a link between restrictive planning policies and homelessness and the shortage of housing for local people in many parts of the South-east.

Britain was a free country where people were free to settle and live where they could find a house they could afford. Many who had reaped the benefit by seeing the value of their houses rise were concerned at the phenomenon of people selling up in London and moving out, putting pressure on house prices and "pricing out" local people.

In a free country that could not and should not be prevented, but one thing that would surely make matters worse would be to bring down the shutters on further development.

"If we wish to preserve our heritage of mixed communities in towns and villages — mixed tenures, *mixed incomes*, different ways of life — we must allow houses to be provided to meet the expected demand from less well off new households."

War is declared on spray cans

This year £500,000 would be spent on anti-graffiti and anti-vandalism projects under the Urban Programme, Mr David Trippier, Under Secretary of State for the Environment (right with, far right, Mr Merlyn Rees), told the Commons during question time.

The problem of graffiti was one that the Government took very seriously, he said.

An additional £18 million would be spent cleaning buildings in town centres, including graffiti removal, and the Estate Action programme was helping to combat graffiti on rundown council estates. UK 2000 would also be *launching anti-graffiti* initiatives during the year.

Mr Anthony Favell (Stockport, C) said that the Department of the Environment was combating the scourge of spray-can graffiti, which cost £2.5 million a year in cleaning London buses and Tube trains. Throughout the country, the cost of removing graffiti *amounted to £23 a year for* every man, woman and child.

Was it not time that the criminal law was used to deal with the problem? Why not ban the sale of aerosol sprays to those under 16?

Mr Trippier said that he shared his disgust at those who perpetrated such uncivilized behaviour. He would pass the *suggestion about spray can sales* on to the Home Secretary.

Under the Criminal Damage Act, there were penalties for vandalism of up to 10 years' imprisonment and unlimited fines.

Mr Joe Ashton (Bassetlaw, Lab) said that there used to be a rule that purchasers of weed killer had to give their name and address and that had cut down drastically on poisoners (laughter). Could not the buyers of spray cans be asked to provide their name and address so that *the police could track down* those using them for unlawful purposes?

Mr Trippier said that he would pass that suggestion on to the Home Secretary.

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C) said that it was unacceptable that retail outlets should take no responsibility for the sale of spray cans. The Government should seek the co-operation of the retail sector in this regard.

Those found guilty of spraying graffiti should have to do *hard labour by being made to* remove what they had done to desecrate the community.

Mr Trippier said that a great deal was already being done. So far as legislation as a deterrent was concerned, there were already laws.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds South and Morley, Lab) said that, despite the money being spent to tackle the problem, graffiti were still there. The underpass at the Elephant and Castle was a prime example, the walls being smothered.

Mr Trippier said that he had sympathy with the point. It was clear that the Government would have to tackle the problem on a number of fronts. It was important that Government proposals should carry local communities with them and that local residents should be involved in such campaigns.

Action on spy book refused

Legal action to stop publication of an MP's book on Britain's secret services *would be unlikely to succeed*, Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Attorney General, said in a written answer. The Government deplored the publication of books of this nature, and especially when advice from the D Notice Committee secretary had to any extent been disregarded.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) had asked why no injunction had been sought to restrain publication of the book *The Friends: Britain's Post-war Secret Intelligence Operations*. Its author, Mr Rupert Allason, Conservative MP for Torbay, writes under the name of Nigel West.

Sir Patrick said that this was not a case of an author who was or had been a Crown servant.

MP protests over 'vote'

Mr Robert Cryer (Bradford South, Lab) challenged a claim made yesterday by Mr Peter Lilley, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, that he had voted in favour of *the EEC Sixth Directive* on VAT when it came to the Commons in 1976.

On a point of order, Mr Cryer said that the vote had been on a motion to "take note" of a draft of the directive. That had never been regarded as a motion in favour. During the debate several MPs, including the chairman of the *Select* Committee on European Legislation, had called for a further debate because what was under discussion was only a draft. There were subsequent calls for another debate, but one was never held.

Peers working too hard, says Cledwyn

HOUSE OF LORDS

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, leader of the Labour peers, protested in the House of Lords that it would be wrong for the Government to expect peers to sit into August or return weeks before the Commons just because the legislation programme had been overloaded.

It was up to the Government's managers to make sure that the Lords was treated in the proper fashion. He asked Lord Belstead, the Leader of the House, to consider what might be done to ease the burden.

Lord Belstead suggested that the two of them should "have a word" about the future of this *session's business*.

Lord Cledwyn's protest came after Lord Denham, the Government Chief Whip in the Lords, asked peers not to speak more than once during debate on amendments in the report stage of the Education Reform Bill.

[The first day of the report stage of the Bill ended at 2.15am this morning with only 40 of the 453 amendments dealt with. Four days have so far been put aside by the Government for the report stage. Later, Lord Denham returned to announce an extra day, tomorrow, for the report stage.]

Lord Taylor of Blackburn (Lab) said that Lord Denham should not underestimate the feelings on all sides on the issues involved.

Lord Denham said that the "usual channels" had tried to arrange that the time available was distributed fairly.

Environment questions

Ridley's homes density plan

Government guidance has been issued to local authorities in housing pressure areas on the phasing and density of new residential development, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said at question time.

This urged councils to extend local plans and emphasized that he would be guided by up-to-date plans when deciding appeals.

In 1981, 12.6 per cent of the South-east outside Greater London had been built up. Even if all Government projections for future needs were fulfilled, the percentage would rise to only *13.7 per cent by 2001*.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C) said that as no more development could be tolerated around the towns and cities of the South-east, would Mr Ridley turn his attention to reviving an idea from the 1930s for garden cities — thereby concentrating development in specific areas around the South-east?

Mr Ridley said that he hoped soon to agree the actual housing needs of the South-east with Serplan (London and South East Regional Planning Conference). He saw no objection to new settlements provided they were not in the Green Belt and fitted in with structure plans.

Mr Sydney Chapman (Chipping Barnet, C) said that there was a feeling of a need for clearer guidance, particularly on out-of-scale development in residential areas.

Mr Ridley said that he had issued a circular on June 15 that gave exactly that broad guidance.

Mr Clive Soley, an Opposition spokesman on housing, said that they welcomed Mr Ridley's willingness to beat a strategic retreat on this issue. Before caving into the complaints of Tory MPs worried about this impact of this matter on their boundaries, did not the minister consider that the problem in the South-east was the lack of low-cost housing for local people?

Mr Ridley indicated he would be coming forward with proposals of the kind Mr Soley had requested before the House rose for its summer recess.

● After **Mr Max Madden** (Bradford, West, Lab) had called for an urgent review of home improvement grant *rules*, **Mr Ridley** said the Government intended to review the home improvement grants legislation in a Bill, he hoped in the next session. Extra money would be made available

Cash for disabled athletes demanded

With the Paralympics taking place in Seoul in the autumn, it was time that newspapers began to report the achievements of the United Kingdom's disabled athletes on the sports pages, not the news pages, **Mr Colin Moynihan**, Minister for Sport, said.

He reported that his review of sport for people with disabilities, launched in February, should be completed early in 1989. They would be looking at how best to enhance the opportunities for those with disabilities to participate in sport from local to international level.

Mrs Virginia Bottomley (South West Surrey, C) said that there were many disabled sportsmen and women of distinction and their interests were best served by focusing on their sporting abilities rather than physical disabilities.

When Mr Menzies Campbell (North East Fife, SLD), the former international athlete, suggested that the minister should make sure that adequate funds were made available in order to hold international *competitions for disabled athletes* in this country, **Mr Moynihan** replied that the Sports Council decided on their priorities independently.

However, the intention of the review was to highlight the importance of such internationals and he hoped thereby to encourage the Sports Council to look more favourably upon adequate financial support for them.

He added that the review also covered the issue of making sports facilities at schools available for use by the disabled.

Third reading for Bill to set up Scottish school boards

Part of the following report of a Commons debate on Scottish school boards appeared in later editions yesterday.

The School Boards (Scotland) Bill, which sets up new boards to run Scottish schools was read the third time in the Commons on Tuesday night by 269 votes to 213 — Government majority, 56.

The boards, which replace school councils, will be made up of representatives of parents, teachers and locally co-opted members, with parents in the majority. They will have wide executive powers, including a veto on senior appointments.

Mr Michael Forsyth, Under Secretary of State for Scotland, said that the Bill brought to Scotland the same opportunities and rights enjoyed by parents elsewhere in the United Kingdom and in almost every other country in Europe.

Mr Dennis Canavan (Falkirk West, Lab) said that the Bill was sneaky and devious and that it would lead *to schools being* allowed to opt out of local authority control.

Opposition demands that the Government and not local authorities should meet the cost of the new boards were rejected during the report stage of the Bill.

Mr Norman Hogg, an Opposition spokesman on Scotland, said that the people of Scotland were being asked to find additional expenditure of £17.2 million out of the education budget to finance the establishment of the school boards.

This was not expenditure they sought to have imposed on them and they had at no time made any demand for the kind of boards provided for in this legislation. This was unreasonable expenditure and not the *proper expenditure at this time*. There were other educational priorities.

He moved an Opposition clause calling for the identification and monitoring of the additional expenditure reasonably required for the establishment and continuing support of school boards to be the subject of separate and continuing *consultation with the Convention* of Scottish Local Authorities (Cosla).

Mr Allan Stewart (Eastwood, C) said that the Bill was putting new duties on Scottish local authorities that those authorities had not asked for. There was therefore a strong case for considering a specific grant for this expenditure.

Mr Malcolm Bruce (Gordon, SLD) said that most local authorities would be bitterly resentful if they were told to find the money to pay for ministers' ideology.

Local authorities were hard stretched and they were entitled to say that they did not want the Bill as proposed or the boards as proposed. If the Government wanted them, it should be prepared to pay for them.

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith (Kincardine and Deeside, C) said that he had much sympathy with the Opposition's new clause. The boards should not be allowed to be unsuccessful because of lack of resources. He wanted to see the boards with enough money.

"Let us not launch a new initiative short of resources and therefore less likely to be successful."

Dr John Reid (Motherwell North, Lab) said that the minister must give a detailed breakdown of the cost of implementing school boards. There was a big discrepancy between the Government estimate and that of Cosla.



Mr Michael Forsyth: Opportunities for parents

Mr Andrew Welsh (Angus East, SNP) said that the clause sought to give Cosla a national monitoring and co-ordinating role on behalf of its members. That was precisely the role it was there to carry out.

Mr Forsyth said that the costs of school boards would be taken into account in the rate-support grant negotiations. Negotiations were going on now between Cosla and the Scottish Office on the appropriate level of support for the school boards.

He was not prepared to give Cosla a blank cheque so that whatever they said the costs would be became the amount of money that would be provided.

He would consider carefully the suggestion of a specific grant. In the meantime, he would operate on the basis that they would have negotiations with Cosla and take full account of the costs that they wished to be taken into consideration.

The Government believed that the school boards would improve schools in a fundamental way by bringing parents, school staff and the wider local community into closer involvement.

Those benefits could not easily be quantified, but the Government was not arguing for school boards at any price. The cost nationally would be modest.

The new clause was rejected by 278 votes to 209 — Government majority, 69.

Mr John McFall (Dumbarton, Lab), *for the Opposition*, moved the first of a series of amendments to add elected community representatives to the school boards and to remove the parental majority.

He said that parents themselves did not want a majority on the school boards.

Mr John McAllion (Dundee East, Lab) said that the school board proposals were a device to get around the education authorities and teachers who were opposed to the minister's concept of what kind of education he would like to see in Scotland.

He was creating a dictatorship, a small clique of parents, who thought like himself. This *Bill* was paving the way for the Bill which would come after this one — to extend opting out to Scottish schools.

Mr Malcolm Bruce said that he did not believe that there was a demand or wish for parents to have an absolute majority on boards. The view had been expressed by a number of organizations that parents wanted a partnership and the amendments sought to set up that partnership.

Mr Buchanan-Smith said that the parental group should be the largest single group on boards, but he parted company with the Government on whether parents should necessarily have the majority.

For the Government, **Mr Forsyth** said that the position of teachers in terms of being able to stand for election for school boards was a very considerable step forward on the present position. They were not able to stand for election to education authorities.

The thrust of the amendment was to take matters further and allow staff to stand as parent representatives. He would not regard that as desirable because it could result in the composition of the school boards becoming homogeneous.

The Governmnet saw these boards as providing a forum for parents. Teachers had staff meetings and their profesional bodies to make an input.

The amendment was rejected by 259 votes to 195 — Government majority, 64.

Funds for opposition parties

'Short' money to increase

The following report of a Commons debate on the funding of the opposition parties appeared in later editions yesterday.

Under the proposals, the total amount of state financing for opposition parties rises from £684,000 to £1,163,500. Labour will get £839,700, the SLD, £187,200; SDP, £56,100; SNP, £18,300; SDLP, £11,600; Official Unionists, £30,600; Plaid Cymru, £10,800; and the Democratic Unionists £9,800.

In a boisterous, late-night session, MPs approved increases in the official funds allocated to opposition parties to help them to carry out their parliamentary work. The funds are the so-called "Short" money, named after Lord Glenamara, who, as Edward Short, introduced the scheme.

Moving the motion, **Mr John Wakeham**, Leader of the House, said that in future an independently certified statement should be made on behalf of each party that the amounts claimed had been spent in accordance with the resolution of the House. This tightening up of accountability seemed particularly desirable because of the increased amount he was proposing.

This would entitle an opposition party to £2,550 for each seat won at the preceding general election and £5.10 for every 200 votes gained. The proposed increase represented a rise of 70 per cent.

Under the strict terms of the 1975 resolution, the SLD was not entitled to any financial assistance, since it was not a *party that stood at the preceding* general election.

In the past, MPs' changes of affiliation had not affected the amount of Short money and the *motion provided for this* to be so in the future. But it would be inequitable not to make an exception in this case and for this Parliament only.

The motion provided for the SLD to be eligible for the amounts, which the Liberal-Alliance party would be entitled to under the new formula together with two-fifths of the amount which the SDP-Alliance would have been entitled to.

The remaining three-fifths of the SDP entitlement under the formula went to Dr David Owen and his two colleagues.

Under the existing arrangements the Labour Party was entitled to £493,900. Under the proposal in the motion, they were entitled to £839,700 (Conservative protests. Cries of "Disgrace").

Mr Eric Forth (Mid-Worcestershire, C) proposed that the allowances should be increased only in line with inflation. He said that the original proposal put forward in 1975 said that the money should be based on performance in the House. An analysis of the voting records of the opposition parties showed how poor their performances were.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said that Mr Wakeham had been faced with a real dilemma. He had not told the Liberals and the SDP to merge. Not one person at the last election had voted for the "Salads". Mr Wakeham could have done with Pythagoras to help with the calculations on their allowance.

Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP) said that this was a fair and reasonable solution to the problem. His party would support it.

Mr Forth's proposal was rejected by 284 votes to 11 — majority, 273, and Mr Wakeham's motion approved.

Commons TV group in trouble

By Geoffrey Smith

There is now no prospect of the experiment in televising the House of Commons being started in time for the state opening of Parliament in November, the original target date when the House voted in February.

This week the select committee considering the arrangements instructed its clerk to prepare a timetable for beginning as soon as possible in the new year, certainly within the first three months.

It may not be easy even to meet that deadline because there are still so many issues on which the committee will have to take a position before it can report to the House. Even after the final decision to go ahead, the broadcasters will need a little time in which to set up the equipment.

There are very mixed feelings on the committee about the time that is being taken.

Some fear that the experiment may not take place at all if the *preparations are too prolonged*. Might the House not conclude, if the necessary arrangements could not be completed within a year of the original vote, that it was all too difficult?

Others maintain that to go ahead with an ill prepared scheme would be most likely to jeopardize the permanent televising of the House. The division of opinion does not go along party lines, nor is it simply between those who favour televising and those who do not want the cameras in at all.

Awareness of the difficulties was sharply increased last week when the BBC and ITN, who *together televise the Lords*, made a joint lighting demonstration in the Commons.

This was generally regarded within the committee as disappointing. One member who is for televising remarked that it made them look either green or hungover: neither exactly the impression that MPs would *wish to make upon their constituents*.

Partly because of that, partly because the independent companies have come up with some *interesting new ideas in their* evidence to the committee, the BBC and ITN seem to have lost ground a bit.

They may still be the front *runners for conducting the* experiment. But they are not certain to be given the task, and there is a still greater element of doubt as to whether they will get the full contract.

The committee will have to make recommendations on three fundamental questions, though there are a host of subsidiary ones as well. Should the House own the installation itself? Who should run it? Under what guidelines should the proceedings be broadcast?

The strongest argument for the House itself owning the installation is that it would then be easier to transfer the contract *for running it if there was* dissatisfaction. This would *mean* that the House could more effectively keep control.

But there is a determination that no large sum of public money should be spent. This implies either that someone should be given a contract for installing the equipment as well as *running* it or that a charge would be made for using the equipment that Parliament had installed.

Most interest is likely to focus, though, on who is given the task of televising. The simplest option would be to give it to the BBC and ITN.

They have done a good job *with* the House of Lords — though there is argument as to how relevant that experience is, because of what are said to be different technical factors — and this would probably be the best way of making a quick start.

But there is a strong body of opinion that believes the wisest course would be to separate the televising of the House from the making of programmes.

This would mean that either an independent production company or a special broadcasting unit of the House itself would provide the feed which could then be used by the BBC, ITN or any independent programme company.

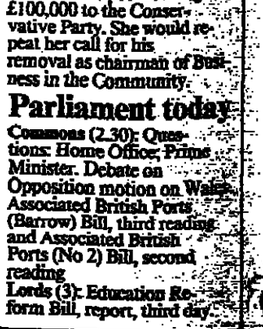
Whichever option is preferred, MPs will want to lay down rules as to how the material can be broadcast. They can be expected to insist that it can be used only in news or current affairs programmes.

But they would be wise not to be too rigid as to where the cameras may range. Acceptable practice ought to be built up from experience.

That strengthens the case, which will certainly be pressed with some persistence, for the House appointing its own director of broadcasting if someone of sufficient stature could be persuaded to take the post.

He would have the task of advising the special committee, which will be set up to oversee the operation, and of liaising with the broadcasters. He could offer an expert judgement as to what practice was reasonable and what should be regarded as unacceptable.

Bishop takes his seat



The Bishop of Bradford, Dr Robert Kerr Williamson (above), took his seat in the House of Lords. He was supported by the Bishop of Truro, Dr Peter Mumford, and the Bishop of Carlisle, Dr Henry Halsey.

Attack on firm chief

KP Foods had rejected an offer for their Halifax factory, which would close with the loss of 930 jobs, Mrs Alice Mahon (Halifax, Lab) said. Her request for an emergency Commons debate on the decision was refused.

Mrs Mahon said that the chairman of KP Foods, Sir Hector Laing, was afraid of the competition that might follow selling the factory and did not care a damn about the lost jobs and hardship the decision would cause.

Last year, Sir Hector had used his position to give £100,000 to the Conservative Party. She would repeat her call for his removal as chairman of Business in the Community.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; Prime Minister. Debate on Opposition motion on Wales. Associated British Ports (Barrow) Bill, third reading and Associated British Ports (No 2) Bill, second reading

Lords (3): Education Reform Bill, report, third day

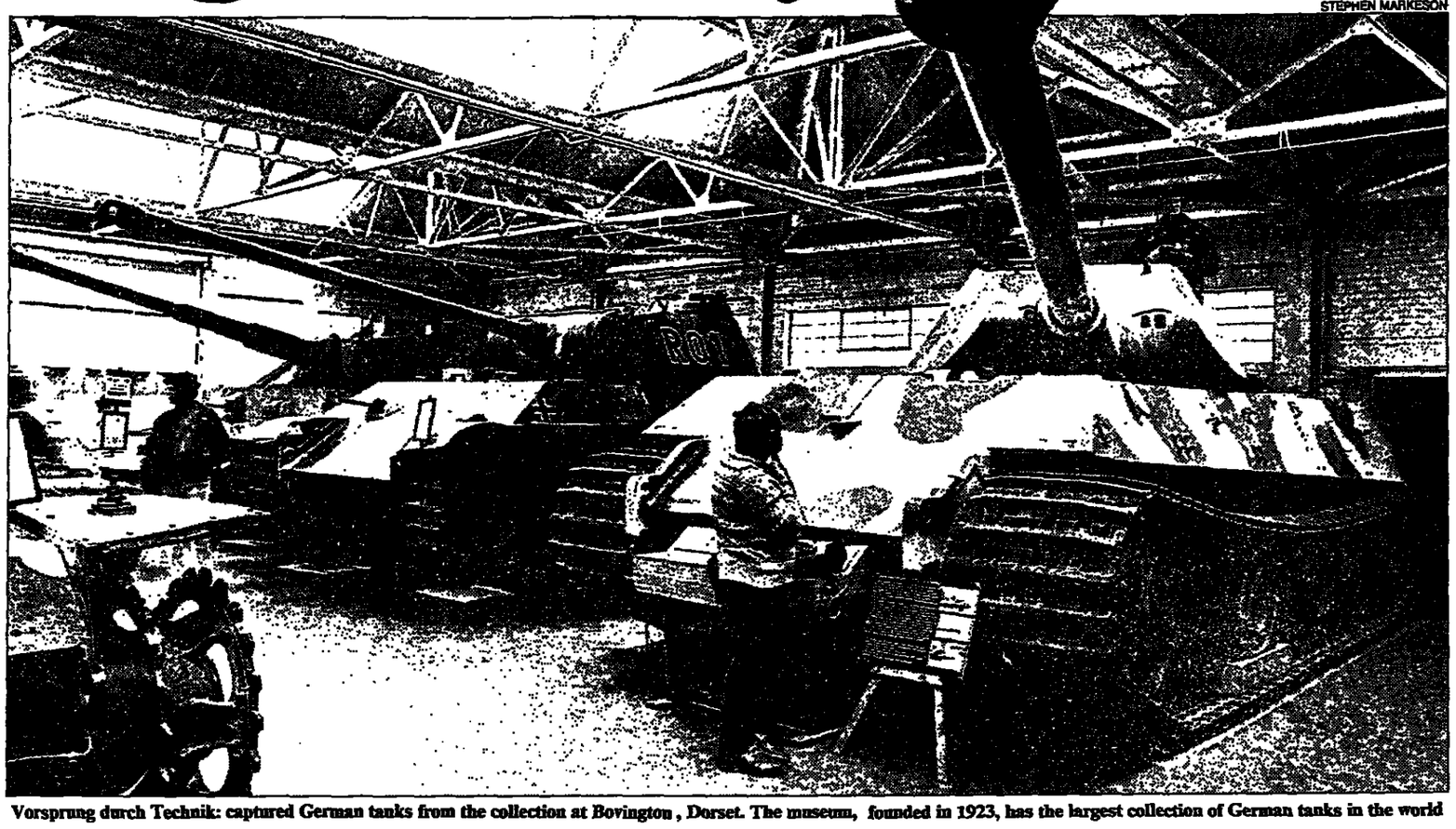
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Mr Kipling's cavalry show

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Vorsprung durch Technik: captured German tanks from the collection at Bovington, Dorset. The museum, founded in 1923, has the largest collection of German tanks in the world

Visitors to the tank museum at Bovington in Dorset have Rudyard Kipling to thank for their day out. In 1923, he watched the rusting old *tanks being broken up and* suggested they should be saved. "Someone selected half a dozen or so, put a bit of white rope round them and said 'that is a museum'," explained Major Neville Anderson, assistant curator. "There they stayed until an old garage was found to shove them into."

They might have stayed there, in makeshift buildings on the Royal Armoured Corps ranges in Dorset, had not Lieutenant-Colonel George Forty retired from the Royal Tank Regiment and become curator of the museum, now a finalist in the Museum of the Year competition.

When Forty took over in 1982 there were about 100 armoured fighting vehicles — AFVs to the military. Now there are more than 200, the biggest and most varied collection in the world. They weigh in sum 3,500 tons, and range from Little Willie, developed from the 1909 Hornsby tractor, to the modern Scorpion light tank.

"Frankly it was a bit of an embarrassment to the Army," said Anderson, second in command to the colonel. "It had terrific potential but didn't have the resources to use it."

There are now 250,000 visitors a year, and the museum is still growing thanks to Forty's zeal for seeking sponsorship, and his inexhaustible supply of that favourite military commodity, "get-up-and-go". For the museum's 60th birthday in 1983 he instituted the *Diamond Jubilee Appeal. The result was a* cinema, a restaurant, a new entrance block and a library. Two years ago the First World War exhibits were given their special home, the George Forty Hall, and last year a permanent inter-war exhibition was completed.

Tanks are exchanged rather than bought. "Frankly, we can't afford to buy," said Anderson. However, great care must be taken with the exchanges: a Second World War Russian tank could still be sold on the illegal arms market. "We have to steer a very fine line: we exchange only with bona fide collectors and foreign government museums."

Plans to make the museum more "interactive" are a problem. "Children and heavy *metal don't mix; it always ends up in* blood and tears," says Anderson. "But outside we've got an adventure playground with tank turrets made safe for them to play on. Inside we've got a guided missile turret, and if they look through the sights they can guide a dot of light. It brings it all to life.

"I'd love to have a tank turret they could traverse, but with a barrel sticking out the front they'd be bound to knock someone's block off."

Simon Tait

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Annual special exhibition in the Alfred Stevens Gallery (local artist who designed Wellington's tomb). Until Sept 30, the history of the borough since Domesday.

BOVINGTON
The Tank Museum, Bovington Camp, Wareham, Dorset. 0929 462721 ext 329. Open daily. £ ○ P ☆
Bigger than ever under the *energetic leadership of Lt Col* George Forty, with a new British Steel Hall for the post-war period officially opening this summer. Earliest tank, 1909.

BRIDGWATER
Admiral Blake Museum, Blake Street. 0278 456127. Open daily. P ☆
Home of the hero, also the local *museum with a new gallery* about the local archaeology.

BRISTOL
National Lifeboat Museum, Prince's Wharf, Wapping Rd. *0272 213389. Open daily.* £ ○ P ☆
More than £120,000 has been spent on a new gallery space

Bristol City Museum and Art Gallery, Queen's Rd. 00272 299771. Closed Sun, *Tues.* P ○ P † ☆
New ceramics gallery — Delft*ware and Bristol pottery shown* in context with work from other places. Don't miss the enor*mous Penn* (as in Pennsylvania) Punchbowl.

CHALFONT ST GILES
Chiltern Open Air Museum, Newland Park, Gorelands. Bucks. 0240 71117. Open Wed, Sun, BH and Aug 3, 4, 5. £ P ☆
Ancient buildings team with life — wild life watch on July 17, *sheepdog trials Aug 14, music* and dancing Aug 29, crafts demonstration Sept 17-18.

CHARD
Chard Museum, Godworthy *House, High Street. Somerset.* Closed Sun exc July and Aug. £ ☆
Rural display including *black*smith's forge, and exhibits de*voted to John Stringfellow,* inventor of the first powered aeroplane in 1848, and Mr James *Gillingham,* pioneer of artificial limbs.

CHAWTON
Jane Austen's House, near Alton, Hampshire. 0420 83262. Open daily. £ P ☆
A season of one-woman shows with Kija Rafael reading from Jane Austen called Yours Ever, but hurry for Aug 19 and Sept 16 performances. Earlier ones *are already sold out.*

CHELTENHAM
Glos. Museum and Art Gallery, Clarence Street. 0242 237431. Closed Sun, BH. P ☆
New ceramics gallery, and display of recently conserved Ferrieres collection of Dutch master paintings opens in its *new permanent wing probably* at the end of August.

Pittville Pump Room Museum 0242 512740. Closed Mon. £ P †
The Clarence Street Museum's fashion gallery, given over to a celebration of 200 years of spaship, dating from George III's visit.

CIRENCESTER
Corinium Museum, Park Street. *0285 5611. Open daily.* £ ○ P † *
Local Roman evidence, plus temporary shows: British Dolls, until Sept 28.

COOKHAM
Stanley Spencer Gallery, Kings *Hall, High Street. Berks.* 06285 24580/20043). Open daily. £ P ○ *
Gilbert & Stanley Spencer in Cookham, until the end of Sept, *the painting brothers at home.*

DIDCOT
Dicot Railway Centre, Didcot, Oxon. 0235 817200 £ P
Open daily for more worship of Great Western Railway and Brunel. Steam up every Sun & Wed in August.

EXETER
Royal Albert Memorial Museum, Queen Street. 0392 265858. Closed Sun, Mon, BH. P † *
Good permanent and temporary *exhibitions, such as* Dutch and Flemish Old Master Drawings, July 23-Sept 10.

Rougemont House Museum of Costume and Lace, Castle Street. 0392 265213. Open Mon-Fri. Suns July & Aug. £ *(exc Fri)* ★
Splendid setting in Georgian house, specially for the lace, but *with costumes in period sets.*

Maritime Museum, The Quay, *Exeter (0392 58075). Open* daily. £ P ☆ *
The working boat collection, including the world's oldest *working steamboat.* It also has a new children's theme play area, Pirate's Island.

FALMOUTH
Falmouth Maritime Museum, *Bell's Court. 00326 318107.* Open daily. £ P ☆ †
Upgraded displays and new items, plus an exhibition aboard the tug St Denys about Cornwall's naval wars.

GLOUCESTER
National Waterways Museum. Llanthony Warehouse, *Gloucester Dock. 0452 25524.* Open daily. £ P ★ P
New museum dedicated to our canals and inland waterways, with a working maintenance *yard outside.*

Gloucester Folk Museum, Westgate Street. 0452 26457. Closed Sun. P ☆
Working smithy alongside dairy, wheelwright's workshop etc.

GUERNSEY
Museum & Art Gallery, Candie Gardens, St Peter Port. 0481 26518. Open daily. £ P ○ †*
Renoir in Guernsey, July 9-Sept *18, in which eight paintings the* Impressionist made here in 1883 are brought together again.

HELSTON
Flambards Triple Theme Park, Culdrose Manor. Cornwall. 0326 573404. Open daily. £ ○ P ☆ † *
Lots to see plus Victorian village which now has the "time machine" chemist's shop discovered in Somerset last year.

HENLEY
Fawley Court Historic House & Museum. 0491 574917. Open Wed, Thurs, Sun. £ ○ P (July & Aug) P *
Extraordinary display of Polish history gathered by Polish religious group.

HERTFORD
Hertford Museum, Bull Plain. Herts. 0992 582686. Closed Sun, Mon, PH. P ○ ☆ †
Displays about East Herts history much expanded. Liberty, Loyalty & Property 1588-1688, until Aug 13, looks at the role of the landed gentry thereabouts in both the Armada campaign and the Glorious Revolution of William & Mary.

LONG WITTENHAM
Abingdon, Oxfordshire. Pendon Museum of Miniature Landscape and Transport. 086730 7365. Open weekends and BH only. P P *
Miniature England as it was in the 1930s. New bit concentrates on Vale of White Horse.

NEWBURY
Newbury Museum, The Wharf, Berks. 0635 30511. Closed Wed, Fri. P ☆ †
In 17th century cloth mill. New audio-visual on the civil war in *the Royalist stronghold corner* of Berkshire. Also, Photographs by Roy Cole, till July 2; Raiders, travelling exhibition about commandos, July 4-Aug *14.*

NORTHLEACH
*Cotswold Countryside Collec*tion. Gloucestershire. 0451 60715. Open daily. £ P ☆ *
Exceptional collection of rural artefacts, in a former jail. Run by the Corinium people.

OLNEY
Cowper & Newton Museum, Orchard Side, Market Place. Bucks. 0234 711516. Closed Mon. £ P † ☆
The home of poet William where he often entertained his friend the Rev John (who wrote *"Amazing Grace"*). Lace exhibitions.

OXFORD
The Oxford Story, Broad Street. Open daily. £ 7 ★
Another enterprise of the Jorvik Viking Centre people, this time in collaboration with the university.

Museum of Oxford, St Aldates. 0865 825559. Closed Sun, Mon. P † *
Cycles Past, ancient bikes, till June 25; Rivers, Bridges & Floods, June 28-July 28; Georges Braque's illustrations July 23-Aug 13; Dressing By Degrees, Aug 23-Nov 12.

PORTSMOUTH
has declared its Royal Dockyard a Naval Heritage Area this season.
HMS Warrior. 0705 291379. Open daily. £ P ★
£7 million spent on preserving the first ironclad and at last she's open.

HMS Victory. 0705 839766. Open daily. £ P ☆ *
Now has an admission charge but she's also been done up.

Mary Rose. 0705 839766. Open *daily.* £ P ☆ *
World's most ambitious underwater archaeology project, with expanded exhibition of objects *recovered.*

Royal Naval Museum. Open daily. £ P ☆
New South Atlantic campaign display. All in the Royal Dockyard.

READING
Blake's Lock Museum, Gas Works Rd, off Kenavon Drive. 0734 590630. Open daily. P ☆ †
Social history of the county told in tableaux and Reading Between the Wars until October.

Museum of English Rural Life, The University, Whiteknights. 0734 875123 ext 475. Closed Mon, PH. P ☆ † *
The history of the English countryside, comprehensive enough to be a national reference centre.

ROCKBOURNE
near Fordingbridge, Hants. 07253 541. Open daily. £ P ☆ *
New presentation of Roman villa found on the site in 1942, fewer objects but more *explanation.*

SINGLETON
Weald and Downland Open Air Museum. Chichester. 024363 348. Open daily. £ P ☆ P *
A medieval barn has now been added to the forge, the mill, the school, the market hall etc.

SLOUGH
Slough Museum, Bath Rd. 0753 26422. Closed Mon, Tue. P † *
This is Slough (till Sept 30) celebrates 150 years of the Great Western Railway, whose first run got as far as nearby Taplow.

SOUTHAMPTON
God's House Tower Museum, Winkle Street, Town Quay. Closed Mon. £ ☆
Local archaeology set in a 15th century fortress.

Southampton Hall of Aviation, Albert Rd South. 0703 35830. £ P ○ ☆ *
Where R J Mitchell designed the Spitfire, therefore a temple *to aviation invention.*

SWINDON
Swindon Museum & Art Gallery, Bath Rd. Wiltshire. *0793 26161 ext 3129. Open* daily. P ☆
New archaeological display, and a celebration of Richard *Jeffries, the poacher, naturalist* and novelist

TORQUAY
Torquay Museum, Babbacombe Rd. Devon. 0603 23975. Closed Sun. £ P ☆
Built over a century ago, it now has a new archaeological gallery.

TOTNES
Devonshire Period Costume *Collection, Bogan House, High* Street. devon. 0603 862423. Open Tues, Wed, Thurs, Sun, Mon in July, Aug. P ☆ *
In a medieval house, has recast its display.

TRING
Tring Zoological History Museum, Akeman Street. Herts. *044 282 4181. Open daily, but* afternoon on Sunday £ P ☆
Second baron Rothschild's collections, now administered by Natural History Museum (with a charge) and Rothschild's study now reconstructed and contents restored.

WANTAGE
Vale and Downland Museum Centre, Church Street. Oxon. Closed Mons except BH (Ring 02357 66838 to check). P ○ P ☆ *
History of Vale of White Horse region, now with reconstructed farm kitchen and dairy.

WINCHESTER
The Brooks Archaeological Excavation, Winchester town centre. Hampshire. 0962-840492. Open daily.
Roman, Saxon and medieval *remains are being exposed in* this biggest dig in the ancient Saxon capital. Exhibition till the end of July.

WINDSOR
Guildhall, High Street. 0753 25547. Closed Sun. P † *
Visual Windsor, July 13-25, which celebrates 100 years of *the royal borough in print,* pen, paint and photos.

WITNEY
Cogges Manor Farm Museum. Chruch Lane. Oxon. 0993-772602. Closed Mon except BH. £ ○ P P ☆ *
Edwardian farm; Edwardian walled garden and an orchard with apples and plums from the turn of the century which should fruit this season. Special events *throughout summer.*

YELVERTON
Buckland Abbey, nr Buckland Monachorum, Devon. 0752 668000 x4878. Open daily. £ P P ☆ *
Drake's house, managed by Plymouth City Museums, has been completely recast by them as part of a Museums 2000 *project to celebrate not only our* sleeping Captain but the mineralogy of the area.

Compiled by **Simon Tait**

TOMORROW

Day 4: Scotland, Ulster and the Irish republic

SCIENCE REPORT

The good old days: when men were fish

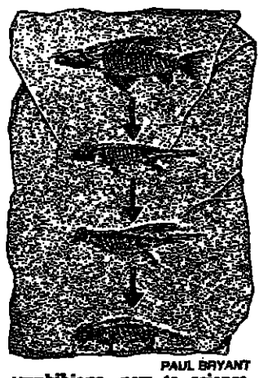
The discovery in Iowa of a group of amphibian fossils of 335 million years ago will help to throw light on the emergence of the first back-boned animals to walk on land. The new finds, described in the latest edition of *Nature*, show tantalizing signs that the amphibians were related to the earliest reptiles and, through them, to birds and mammals.

There are also reports of even older amphibians, unearthed in Greenland last summer by an Anglo-Danish expedition but not yet reported. The Greenland collection may be one of the most significant ever assembled, according to Alec Panchen, of the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. With more than 1600lbs of fossils, it is certainly one of the largest.

The two discoveries help to fill an empty patch in the fossil record. Land vertebrates evolved from bony fish in the Devonian period (between 395 and 345 million years ago). By the Upper Carboniferous (320 to 280 million years ago), many species of amphibians had already evolved, along with the earliest reptiles. But fossils from the period in between have been scarce.

John Bolt, of the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, and his colleagues from Iowa shed light on this 25 million year gap by noting that Iowa 335 million years ago had a tropical climate and lay close to a shallow sea which covered most of what is now the United States Mid-West.

The new fossils show what life must have been like in and around the pools and lagoons of the coastlands. Several kinds of fish were preyed on by two or more species of early



PAUL BRYANT

amphibians, new to science, which resembled modern salamanders in size, shape and habit. Although they had legs instead of fish-like fins, they probably spent most of their lives in the water. Like modern amphibians, they probably laid soft, unshelled eggs in the water.

One of the amphibian species resembles fossils already found in fossil-bearing deposits around Edinburgh, as well as from elsewhere in North America. Another is quite new, but may have greater evolutionary significance. Although it has the most primitive spinal column of any land vertebrate yet found, details of its skull link it with a group of extinct amphibians called anthracosaurs from which many believe reptiles, mamals and birds evolved.

The Greenland fossils are older still, containing remains of the very earliest land vertebrates known. Although the Devonian rocks of Greenland have long been known to contain fossils of early land vertebrates, the poor preservation of the remains found meant that information was sketchy. Last year's Greenland expedition may have changed this.

Two important but remote sites on the coast of Greenland were visited by researchers. The material they found will be housed permanently in Copenhagen after examination at the Zoology Museum in Cambridge by Jennifer Clack. First studies show, in unprecedented detail, skulls and skeletons of the salamander-like Acanthostega, and its relative Ichthyostega.

Clack's new data on the braincase, lower jaw and limbs show just how far amphibians had evolved from fish even by the Upper Devonian, more than 350 million years ago.

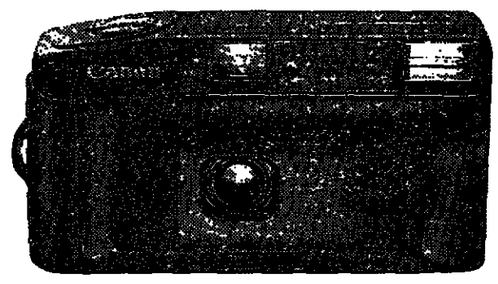
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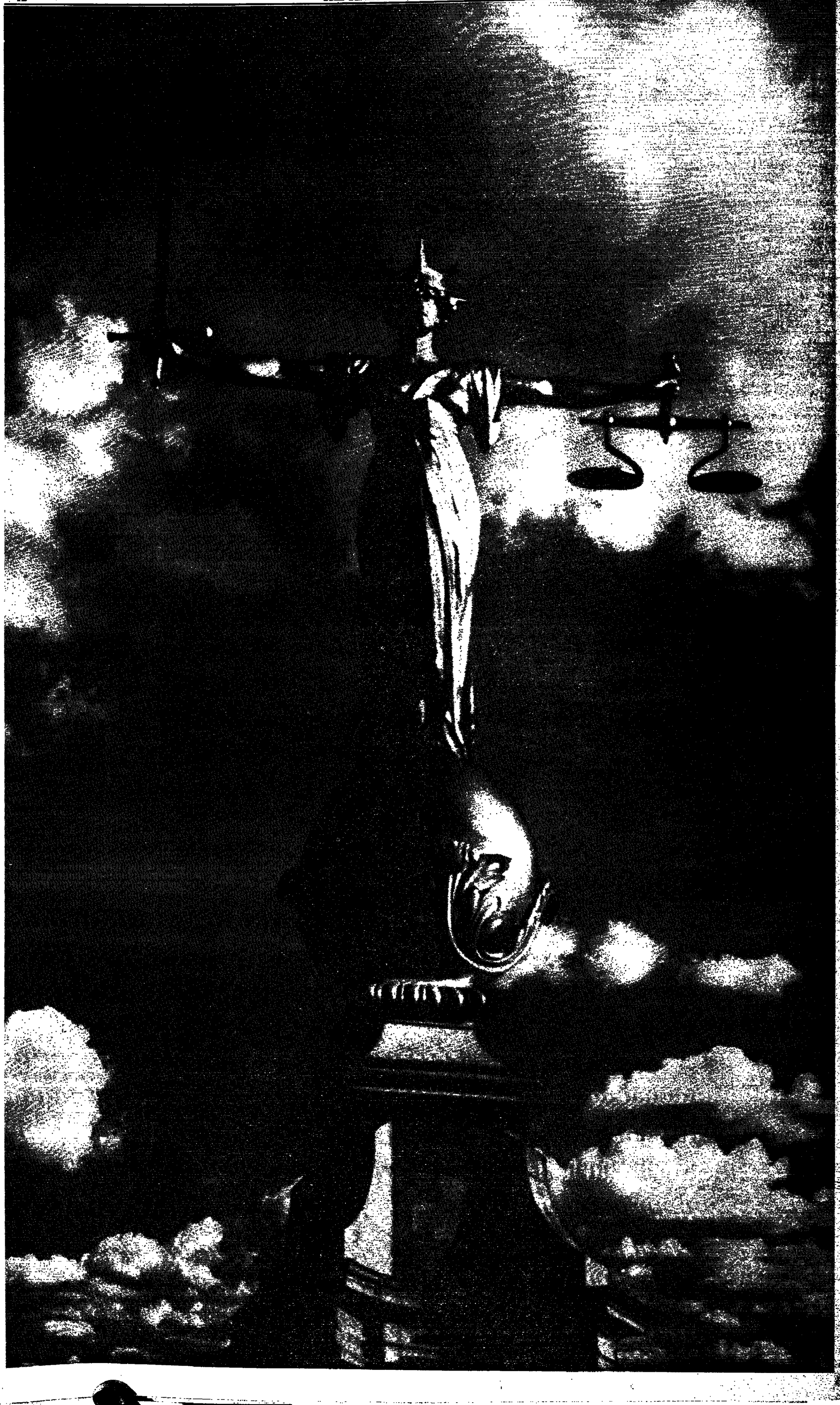
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TIMES DIARY

ALAN COREN

It is not, of course, the All England Tennis Championships at all. It is the All England Vicarage Tea Party. It is the Platonic vicarage tea party of which all others are derivatives, and that is what makes it All English in the first place; for the vicarage tea party is a cultural benchmark. It is one of the few pinpointable essences of England. It is what English soldiers and policemen and politicians and journalists compare things to when they wish succintly to stress what they are not.

On Tuesday, conditions were exemplary. The sun was beige, the air liquescent, beyond the spire on the hill far thunder mumbled, and, as I stood on the Wimbledon greensward examining a limp cucumber triangle for midges while floral frocks and creased linen jackets milled about me, one of the former murmured to one of the latter: "Didn't I tell you we should have brought the chairs in?" Rattigan would have hung three acts under that.

Because it is the *All England* Vicarage Tea Party, it matters not a jot that our boys and girls lose. On the contrary, good manners require them to. Having invited all those nice foreign children over to play, not to mention our own far-flung colonials, it would be awfully bad form to beat them. Jeremy, go and put your shorts on and give that gloomy Czech boy a game, he isn't talking to anybody and he hasn't touched his jelly, no I can't remember his name, it has a lot of -ovs or -vitches in it, but he'll know what you mean if you sort of point to him and wave your bat about a bit.

Strolling the walkways, between the outside courts, one is struck by the physical differentials between ours and theirs. Where the domestic young are tripe-white, the foreign young are honey-hued; where ours are soft, theirs are sinewy; where ours smile, theirs snarl; where ours are coltish, theirs are *tigerish. Teenage Americans, as they wait,* totally tensed, to receive service, look like pop-up plates from some anatomy textbook: their very elbows are muscled, their earlobes flex. The young Slavs have obviously been put together on assembly lines in Brno and Sofia, so clearly defined are the taut components which have been strung and bolted by state ergonometrists grafting late into the night, while Igor prowls the trembling villages in search of yet more serviceable bits.

Ours are players, theirs are athletes, some would say. Others, perhaps, that ours are human beings, theirs machines.

BARRY FANTONI



'I see the new EEC ruling on charities is beginning to bite'

When shall we get a hero, then? Not a valiant struggler, fortuitously upsetting the odds on Court 136 when his opponent, just released from traction, serves enough double faults to allow the Englishman to muddle through into the second round on a wave of embarrassed patriotic clapping, but someone who, on a mere rumour of his imminence, can magnetize the entire vicarage garden, empty its furthest sponsored marquee, scatter a strawberry queue that has patiently been shuffling forwards for hours, persuade each and every debentured drunk to drop his goblet and stagger towards the sound of the guns?

On Tuesday afternoon, as I was slowly wheezing up the staircase towards the Centre Court for the Wilander-Masso match, I was suddenly aware of a hysterical army bounding at my heels; who, having caught up with me, bore me along in shrieking urgency. I had to go where they went. My feet were off the concrete. Patently, Wilander, Number 2 seed and Grand Slam candidate, was more charismatic than reputation had hitherto allowed; nice ticket to have, I thought . . . when until then I hadn't thought anything of the sort . . . and gripped it the more tightly against ambush.

I need not have worried. Instead of turning, at the top of the steps, right towards the Centre Court, my roaring caravan swung left towards Court Number One. It was packed to the gunwales, and my mob being thus unable to get in, could only fight, literally, to get close, pressing into the mob already jammed against the corridor windows, cheeks flattened to the hot glass, limbs pinioned, and the packed hearts beating so near and so hard that the communal tachycardia made your fillings rattle.

He did not appear for ten more minutes, while the crescent buzz spiralled the pigeons and flaked the rust off the corrugated roof. Then the tuckets, then the trumpets, then the cannon, and he comes!

It might have been Lenin riding back on the cowcatcher of the 8.14 or Douglas MacArthur wading ashore on New Guinea to fulfil his pledge, but it was more than either of these. It was J.P. McEnroe, back to claim his birthright; and 40,000 people would have followed him anywhere. Indeed . . . glimpsing from beneath an alien armpit his anabasis . . . when I saw him neither smile nor nod nor speak but merely raise one forearm in Roman salute, I could not help thinking it a bit of a waste of good honest idolatry to squander it on a mere first-round tennis match. All things considered, it seemed rather a pity that the Sudetenland wasn't still up for grabs.

Personally, mind, I felt it was all a trifle over the top. If this sort of thing isn't curbed, and jolly quickly too, I may well send a stiff note to the vicar.

William Cash warns against Europe's creeping federalism.

British interests at risk

As European government leaders get down to detailed business at the European summit in Hanover next week, we should *not lose sight of the long-term* shift which is transferring power from the parliaments of member nations to the bureaucracies of Brussels and Strasbourg. The British Empire was formed "in a fit of absence of mind". Will the same apply to Europe?

The creation of Europe by stealth is inimical to the British approach. We need to look at not what people have said the words "European Union" mean, but the actual practical and legislative effects of what is being done. A substantial amount of this is for the good but the institutional changes themselves require great scrutiny.

The internal market, free trade, competition, deregulation and 1992 must be pursued vigorously. The creation of a single market will stimulate prosperity for the people of Europe unless it creates a political and institutional remoteness and complexity which is counter-productive.

At present there is insufficient control by elected representatives over decisions vital to our commercial and industrial future and far too much official secrecy in all the early stages of legislation. There is a growing ing tendency for powers to be delegated by the Council of Ministers to the Commission. This, combined with an increase in the use of regulations, increases the bypassing of national parliaments.

This "democratic deficit" as it is called in the jargon has been increased by the more frequent majority voting introduced under the Single European Act.

One result of this is a growing popularity for a form of federalism for Europe. Members of the European Parliament and others who are enthusiasts for a more federally-based system are making greater claims for more power to be transferred from the national parliaments to the European Parliament and, indeed, to the European Commission itself.

A detailed survey by Professor Philip Taylor of the preferences of influential Eurocrats found that 31 out of 50, asked what they considered the best possible system for European union, supported at the very least a federal system, whereas only three out of the 50 were content with a loose form of union.

A recent European Commission paper states: "Indeed the true interests of Europe demand that one should go even further in improving the effectiveness of the institutional triangle composed of the Council, Parliament and the Commission".

These claims for a federal system must not go unchallenged. It has not escaped notice that the weaker the political tradition of a given country or institution, the more likely it is to embrace federalism. Spain and Italy, for example, have backed the European Parliament declaration recently on political union in Europe.

In the United States there is an increasingly vocal body of opinion which wants constitutional reform — not least because the federal system precludes the kind of swift response to constitutional and legislative change required in the modern world. The increasing frustration felt by those attempting to effect change can lead to the taking of short cuts instead of sticking to the strict rules of the system.

The insufficient democracy in Europe should be countered not by looking to federalism but to greater involvement on the part of sovereign states. Involvement (the key word) is a precondition of acceptance and of greater commitment. Involvement means full and immediate access to decision makers, the right to question and the opportunity for government to consult, listen and respond.

Westminster should have improved scrutiny procedures in the earlier stages of proposed legislation and before the die is cast. The Select Committee on European Legislation in the House of Commons is actively considering ways and means of improving the scrutiny process and the relationship between Government and Parliament in the United Kingdom.

The plain fact is that neither under the terms of the Single European Act, nor in practice, can the European Parliament provide the degree of effective monitoring which is required to protect British interests, nor to fill the "democratic deficit" without creating a remote and inadequate political forum. To ensure greater contact with people we need more, not less, direct involvement. This is not in any way to diminish the proper role which the European Parliament may perform but simply to put the matter into practical perspective. There are, of course, practical problems in referring matters back to national parliaments in the making of European legislation, but proper democratic scrutiny and accountability must be maintained.

One way of proceeding would be for relevant departmental select committees, with the European Legislation Committee acting as a liaison body for this process, to report on proposals before they go to the Council of Ministers for adoption and in good time to enable representations, particularly on the basis of amended proposals, to be fully considered and if need be, debated.

At present, ever greater power is going to the Commission itself and it is already acquiring some of the characteristics of a benevolent despotism. In time, this will lead to resistance to the EEC and its possible break-up, with disastrous consequences.

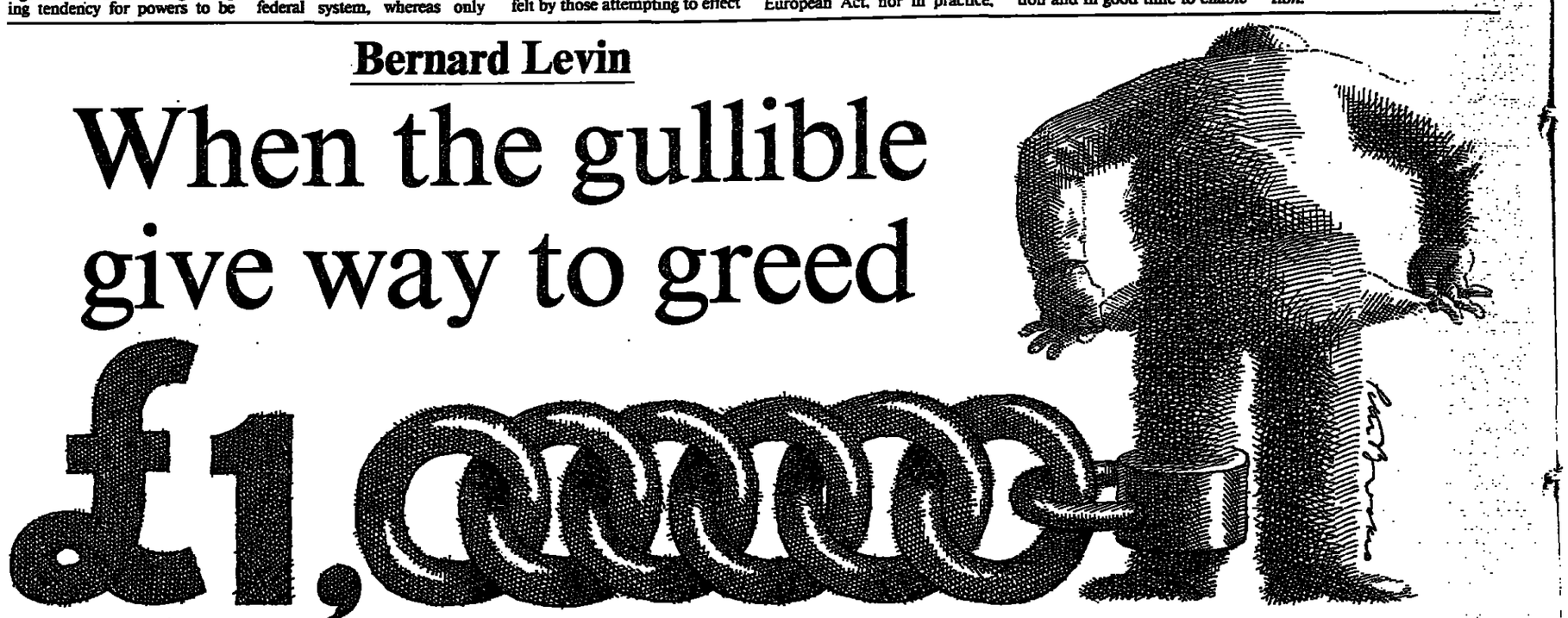
Clear statements at Hanover by the European Commission and the Council of Ministers that there is no intention to proceed to a federal Europe would be one way of dealing with the matter. The British government view on this question is quite clear: there is to be no federalism — but it needs to be spelt out by the Council as a whole.

The time for visions and dreams of a European political superstructure reminiscent of Charlemagne or the Austro-Hungarian Empire is over. The time is now ripe for a practical and pragmatic approach to improving the quality and efficiency of the legislative process in Europe, to ensure that the interests of the individual electorates are properly safeguarded while maintaining the integrity of the EEC as a whole.

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Bernard Levin

When the gullible give way to greed



I have always maintained that the follies of mankind are limitless in extent as well as in number, but not long ago I came across an example which for a moment almost persuaded me that the farthest shore of unwisdom had at last been reached. It is too soon to say whether my conclusion was more pessimistic than was necessary, but I think that a discussion of what had provoked it might be useful.

I found the details in *Which?*, recounted in that noble organ's characteristic deadly murmur; the come-on took the form of a chain-letter from the "UK Fund Raising Club", and the leaflet advertising it was headed EARN £1000's CASH — GUARANTEED! That alone ought to have had everyone who had received it running for the hills, but those who seek to demonstrate in their own persons *that a fool and his money are* soon parted will not be put off by something as trivial as total implausibility, and in no time the geese were swarming aboard. One of these geese, having been plucked, stuffed and cooked, wrote to *Which?* for help, and *Which?* printed the details:

> He sent £5 to the "Membership Secretary" — the name at the top of a list of four people in the letter. He then bought 200 copies of the letter from the Club for £18, and spent another £36 posting the new letters. These included a new list — the Membership Secretary's name had been removed, the other three names shifted one position, and his name was entered in the fourth position. In all nearly £60 was spent in the belief that he would eventually become a "Membership Secretary", as others joined the club and his name moved up. As Membership Secretary, he would receive the £5 enrolment fees from new members in his chain. He never found out whether his name got to the top of the list. Even if it did, he never received a penny.

No, I don't suppose he did. On the other hand, the man who thought up the wheeze will go far. Actually, he has already gone far — so far, indeed, that the various authorities interested in talking to him have as yet been quite unable to find him. Meanwhile, our goose, and all those others who cackled at the £1000's CASH — GUARANTEED! that they were going to acquire merely by addressing a couple of hundred envelopes, are wondering where all the flowers have gone.

Chain letters! What did he really think, that goose of ours, as he licked 200 stamps? That the Philosopher's Stone had been found, and that *he* had found it? That there was no cause for suspicion in the fact that the "UK Fund Raising Club" seemed to be organizing the scheme solely for the benefit of the "Members", without even taking a cut? That overnight, the municipal authorities had paved the streets with barley-sugar?

All these and more, I imagine. But there are vistas beyond the most immediate ones. Take the curious phenomenon called "Time Sharing". The principle, as far as I can understand it, is that the vict- that is, the investor, is persuaded to lay out a huge sum of money to buy not a property, but the right to live in one for a specified number of weeks at the same time of year every year, in perpetuity or the tracks made by the absconding organizers, whichever shall be the shorter.

As it happens, some of these time-sharing schemes are not just plain swindles, like the chain-letter dodge; they are honest, and indeed the organizers of honest ones have banded together in a formal association with standards that members must follow, the better to distance themselves from the crooked. But even the people who run the upright firms must sometimes wonder how anybody, however gullible, could make an investment on such appallingly unfavourable terms.

Let us agree that we all like money, lawfully got, and that the less we have to do to get it, the better. But then let us rack our brains and our history books to see if we can remember any instance, in our own lives or in the annals of mankind, which points to the possibility of getting it by doing no more than pick it up off the floor.

The man who bought the chain-letters had no such precedent to go by. Yet he believed that this time, and just for him, the floor was strewn with the spondulicks. Similarly, the man who buys a share of time persuades himself that he will be sunning himself on his Mediterranean balcony throughout September *half a century hence, without ever forking out again.*

Cassio got it wrong; what he meant to say (but remember he was drunk at the time) was "O God! that men should put an enemy in their *pockets* to steal away their brains". Once that jingling sound is heard, reason retreats; it is a curious fact that — as the chain-letter man demonstrated — the more obviously ludicrous and crooked the scam is, the more eager are the punters to get their money into it, so that a sober plan for a regular investment in a sound pension scheme will be the devil's own job to sell, while an invitation to get in on the ground floor of a project to turn tap-water into petrol merely by stirring it anticlockwise will have the town come running, its tongue hanging out.

Is the human race congenitally greedy *and* stupid? I would not like to believe it, yet how else to explain those who signed up for the magic chain-letter? And the chain-letter geese are only a beak ahead, if that, of the ones who, a few years ago, invested money with a group whose agents were pledged to play roulette with it, bring the winnings home and pay them out to the investors.

If it were not for the Race Relations Act, I would tell the American story of the little black boy walking down the street *when a householder* whose grass needs cutting says, "Hey, Sambo — want to earn a quarter?" "No, sah", the boy replies. "Why not?" "I already have one." He was right. He had his quarter and was content with it.

But why does the story exist at all? Presumably because such an attitude is so rare that it becomes comical; what never excites mirth is the kind of thing that I have been exploring, because if, the chain-letter conman reopened for business with *exactly* the same proposition, he would find customers even among regular readers of *Which?*, all of them convinced that the original goose had merely failed to send out enough letters. "Depend on it," said Shaw; "if Macbeth had succeeded in killing Macduff, he would have gone back to the witches next day to ask their advice on the best way of dealing with Malcolm."

I don't know if there are still American entrepreneurs who sell the Brooklyn Bridge to out-of-town visitors, but if there are, I am sure they have no lack of eager buyers; the belief that water runs uphill is too strong to be eradicated. A few weeks ago I saw the three-card trick in Oxford Street, and the crowd round the thimble-rigger was as dense as ever. Dense indeed, for not one of them noticed that all the money was changing hands in the same direction.

"The odds is gone," cries Cleopatra, "and there is nothing left Remarkable beneath the visiting moon." She was wrong on both counts; the odds had only gone out to 1000-1, and I have devised a *very* remarkable system of extracting moonbeams from cucumbers.

Commentary • LEON BRITTAN

From how to where

As long as we were the sick man of Europe, all our efforts had to be concentrated on reviving the economy. The central political question was how to do it.

Now that the economy is growing so fast, the political controversies of the next decade are likely to switch to other issues. Where is future development to take place? What role should government play in deciding this? How can we maintain a decent quality of life? What is to happen to agriculture and the countryside? The recent rows about the Green Belt are but a portent of things to come.

When I said at the Conservative party conference in 1985 that the imbalance between the regions was our greatest social and economic problem, many people thought that this was just a Secretary of State with a northern constituency banging the drum for his region. The case for giving priority to an effective regional policy depended then on stressing the unacceptably high levels of unemployment in the old industrial areas. The suggestion that regional policy was as much in the interests of the South-east was regarded as only a debating point, if not just a tease.

But it is now quite clear that there can be no acceptable solution to the problems of congestion in the South-east without a vigorous and effective regional policy. It is no use saying that all the trouble was caused by a change of policy on the part of Nicholas Ridley.

In parts of Berkshire, for example, where the loss of a previously attractive rural environment is most deeply felt, most of the sprawl took place in the early 1980s, when the Department of the Environment was in quite other hands. There simply is no way of tucking away substantial development in the South-east in places where it will not be noticed or resented.

Nor is it a viable option simply to forbid such development. If this were attempted, the pressure on house prices in the South-east would become even greater, at a time when most people think that they are already astronomical.

In theory, if the congestion and loss of amenity became bad enough, economic development would simply be forced elsewhere. But the pressure for this to happen would operate far too slowly for it to lead to a real improvement on a tolerable time-scale. Meanwhile, there would be a terrible price to pay in increased congestion in the South-east and continuing high unemployment elsewhere.

That is why it is necessary to have a vigorous and coherent policy to encourage economic activity outside the South-east. As far as the inner cities are concerned, considerable progress is now being made. The most effective further step the Government could now take would be to abolish the Dock Labour Scheme. By enshrining in statute indefensible restrictive practices, this scheme prevents industrial development in the heart of many of our cities.

None the less, the Government's aim of reviving civic pride and enlisting the practical support of local business and industry is not an unrealistic one. Let us not forget that the earliest pioneers of the Industrial Revolution were not models of social responsibility or civic virtue. They were far too busy making money to have time for anything else. It was only in the next phase, when prosperity was more assured, that they became the civic benefactors of the Victorian era.

Similarly, it is only now, when we are moving beyond the point of recovery from recession, that we can expect the business community to resume its Victorian role.

We should not, however, forget that there was another important partner in Victorian urban development, and that was the local authorities. Because of the irresponsibility and profligacy of some of them, they have largely been by-passed in the current drive for urban regeneration. The urban development corporations have taken over many of their powers, and in both housing and education new institutions and new rights for individuals are being created at their expense.

This is a natural, if not inevitable, development, caused by the irresponsibility, in the literal sense of that word, created by the present rating system. The purpose of the community charge is to restore accountability. Local residents will feel the costs, as well as the benefits, of local government operating much more directly. When that happens, local government should be brought in from the cold as a full partner in the process of urban regeneration. There will then be no need or justification for excluding from the process those who, as the elected representatives of an area, have the right to speak on its behalf. But to bring back local authorities into the act, a great deal of bridge-building will be necessary, and it is not too early to begin that process now.

It is also high time to widen the whole scope of our regional policy. Many of the problems are at their most acute in old industrial areas that could not possibly be described as inner cities. East Cleveland, parts of South Yorkshire and Lancashire and Durham are but a few areas where industrial decline is most apparent outside the large conurbations. If proper priority is to be given to these areas, the problems must be dealt with on a regional, and not just on an inner-city, basis. As the Scottish and Welsh experience has shown, the best way of doing this is through regional development agencies, which can bring together the powers of all the different public bodies currently attempting to stimulate regional development.

It will also be necessary to have another go at moving government departments and agencies out of the South-east, and to consider having regionally differentiated rates of national insurance contributions to attract employment to the assisted areas.

It would be ironic, but entirely rational, if the new focus on the plight of the South-east made possible an effective regional policy which had hitherto not been politically acceptable.

JUNE 23 ON THIS DAY 1910

The first decade of the 20th century saw great advances in aviation. Count Zeppelin (1838-1917), the airship pioneer, was going from strength to strength. The Hon C.S. Rolls (1877-1910) flew across the Channel and back only to die in an air accident a month or so afterwards.

MR ROLLS'S CHANNEL FLIGHT

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir, I think everybody in this country has appreciated the great record made by the Hon. C.S. Rolls in his fine flight across the Channel from Dover to Calais and back. This is the first feat of the kind which has been accomplished, and is not only unique but I think is practically the first great record to the credit of this country.

I have received several letters suggesting that some memorial should be erected at the place from which he started, one of them a very interesting one from a working man, who sent the small saving he had made for flowers for his garden to go towards a memorial as expressing his appreciation, as an Englishman, of the event.

The suggestion has come from such varied sources that I venture to ask your assistance in bringing the matter before the public. The sum required would not be a large one, and, although in the future flights by aroplane or other flying machines may be many, I think that this first flight made by an Englishman should be commemorated, and such commemoration should be supported as was that to the crossing of the Channel by M Blériot.

This country has been left so far behind in matters pertaining to aeronautics that I cannot but think it is in the interests of the country that the fullest appreciation should be shown in this, the first great record by a Briton, so as to encourage the interest, which it is undoubtedly necessary should be taken, in the progress of this science.

Yours truly,
WALTER EMDEN, Mayor
Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Dover, June 21.

GERMAN AIRSHIP PASSENGER SERVICE

BERLIN, JUNE 22

The passenger airship L.Z. VII, with which passenger trips are to be made from Dusseldorf, arrived there soon after noon to-day from Friedrichshafen. The voyage, which was by way of Stuttgart and the valley of the Rhine, was performed without mishap in a little over nine hours. The total distance is between 400 and 450 kilometres. Including Count Zeppelin, who was in command of the airship, there were 13 persons on board. The L.Z. VII will shortly be renamed Deutschland.

Reuter messages state that the airship Zeppelin VII ascended at Friedrichshafen at 3 o'clock yesterday morning to make a trip to Dusseldorf. She landed safely at the airship shed at Dusseldorf at ten minutes past noon . . .

The success of the maiden flight of the first passenger airship has given great satisfaction in Germany, and should do much to rehabilitate the credit of the rigid frame type of dirigible, which has suffered severely as the result of the recent repeated accidents which have overtaken the Zeppelin airships. The flight of a little over 300 miles was accomplished in 9¼ hours, without a hitch . . . It is noteworthy that Dusseldorf was reached at the time fixed for its arrival.

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BIRTHDAY IN BERLIN

Forty years ago today, European democracy was given the chance to prove that it had recovered its war-shattered nerves. In a year of many anniversaries, that of the Berlin airlift deserves to be marked — and marked well.

On the night of June 23, 1948 Stalin ordered his occupation forces in eastern Germany to cut land and canal routes into the Western sectors of Berlin. He was frustrated by his failure to extend communist influence throughout Germany and alarmed by Western moves towards the economic and political integration of the Western zones of occupation. The vulnerable "island" of West Berlin was the obvious point to put pressure on the Western allies and, he hoped, inflict a defeat that would weaken the morale of democratic forces.

Some Western observers thought the population of two million was doomed to starvation. They recommended either abandoning the city or trying to relieve it by force. But wiser counsels prevailed, and the result was an unprecedented airlift of food and other essential supplies. Faced with the choice of shooting down the aircraft and risking war against a nuclear-armed United States, Moscow also backed away from the brink. On May 12, 1949, Stalin admitted defeat and re-opened the roads.

In those 11 months, the face of Europe was set in the rigid lines that have marked it ever since. The spheres of influence envisaged in the wartime Treaty of Yalta were fixed as opposing military blocs. The communist coup in Czechoslovakia brought the last of the present states of the Warsaw Pact firmly under Soviet domination. The West, in self-defence, created Nato.

The Berlin airlift thus marked a crucial point in the creation of post-war Europe. Countries had been so physically weakened by the war — and in some cases morally weakened by defeat and collaboration — that communist takeovers seemed all too possible. Power and prestige had been gained by several of the communist parties through their leading roles in the resistance movements.

The clear threat to Berlin helped rally the West — a fortunate outcome for the world, as every year of communist rule in Eastern Europe has made more evident. Mr Gorbachev's reforms in the Soviet Union, and those inspired by him elsewhere, may have made the communist bloc less brutal, but they have also helped reveal the bankruptcy of its economic ideology.

The blockade also marked the moment when the last effective political ties between the Western and Soviet occupation zones of Germany were severed, and the two areas began to move quickly towards more-or-less independent statehood as members of their respective "alliances". In a speech to the population of the blockaded city, calling on them to "have confidence in themselves", Ernst Reuter, the Social Democratic Mayor, helped lay the moral foundations of modern German democracy.

Forty years later, each state in Germany takes an acute interest in what goes on in the other, and "intra-German relations" are a top priority for both. Some sense of a shared identity exists. West Germany continues to deny full recognition of the division, in that any East German who manages to escape is automatically entitled to West German citizenship. Opinion polls in West Germany show, however, that only a minority of the population still believes in the possiblity of reunification.

Berlin, where the division began, remains the biggest German obstacle to long-term coexistence. In 1961, to prevent the destruction of their state by total loss of trained manpower, the East German regime erected the Berlin Wall. This ugly barrier continues to divide the city, a symbol to the world of the division of the city.

At the height of the blockade, the three Western observers to the Soviet *magistrat* in East Berlin were withdrawn. According to a report in *The Times* for December 3, 1949, Lt. Colonel Whitefoord, the British liaison officer, was forbidden to take with him two typewriters, claimed by the East Berlin authorities as their own.

After lengthy diplomatic argument, they were placed in a locked room in the *Stadthaus*, to which Colonel Whitefoord retained the key. Given the other ridiculous situations to which the division of Berlin has given rise, it would not be surprising to learn that the offending machines are still there, insisting on their diplomatic immunity from the scrap heap.

THE TALKERS OF TORONTO

The purpose of summit meetings is not to conduct detailed negotiations but to put political commitment behind them. Even so, the fruit of the economic summit in Toronto has been judged to have a blander taste than usual.

This partly reflects American wishes not to rock the boat on President Reagan's eighth and final appearance at an economic summit. Still uppermost in people's minds is the effect of the open row which developed between the US Treasury secretary, Mr James Baker, and the German Finance Minister, Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, last October — which was the immediate cause of the stock market crash.

But the bland fare issuing from the Seven also reflects an unusual degree of consensus about economic policy. When, in the communiqué, the leaders contrast the economic achievements of the 1980s with the failures of the 1970s, they are reflecting the consensus of success. One does not have to accept the letter of these claims — the leaders are, after all, politicians of the 1980s and not of the 1970s — to agree with the sentiment.

There is no doubt that since the end of President Mitterrand's initial experiment with socialism all the major countries of the West have accepted, to a greater or lesser extent, the need to put the fight against inflation at the centre of economic policy. Far from destroying jobs, over the medium term this has created a new confidence and helped to underpin the present rapid rate of growth in the world economy.

At Toronto this consensus was further developed with the agreement to try to include structural improvements within the framework of policy co-ordination. The list of measures being taken in different countries to improve economic efficiency, contained in an annex to the communiqué, strikingly demonstrates how far the major countries are already thinking along the same lines. Tax reform, privatization, deregulation of financial markets, education and training — all these occur in almost every case. The same theme can be found in many countries outside the major Seven, for instance in Australia and New Zealand.

Yet, for all this coming together of philosophy, there are still big differences over how far and how fast different countries are prepared to move. This showed up most clearly in the summit discussions over farm subsidies. If America and Europe are agreed on the need to try to halt the upward spiral of subsidies they are agreed on little else here.

In the course of tough negotiations in Toronto, the US conceded that it had abandoned its insistence on total abolition by the year 2000. But there is a huge difference of approach between the EEC and the US, with Britain in the familiar position of agreeing with America while belonging to Europe.

One way of maintaining the momentum for change is to reach regional agreements. This has been the recent pattern on free trade — with the US-Canada treaty, the agreement between the US and Japan on beef and citrus products and in Europe the move towards deregulation in 1992. It is also providing a model for agreements on drugs control where, for instance, Britain is currently in various stages of negotiation with about 40 different countries over bilateral agreements on tracing profits from drug trafficking.

Progress on regional agreements is useful where wider agreement is not for the moment possible. But it does present potential dangers. It would be unfortunate, to say the least, if bringing down the barriers within regions were to raise the barriers between them leaving us in a world of a few giant blocs.

One of the functions of broader meetings like the economic summit is to prevent this. After her past scorn for summitry, Mrs Thatcher's own conversion is eloquent testimony to the increasing interdependence of the world and the need to keep dialogue going.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some benefits of foreign takeovers

From Mr Martin Howe

Sir, The food and drink industry is "under threat"; water companies are being "gobbled up by the French"; there are "queues of predators" after British industry. Tony Blair (*Commentary, June 21*) seems to believe that companies disappear into some kind of economic black hole when they are taken over, or that foreigners will spend very large sums on buying British companies in order to close them all down and deprive us of our beloved chocolate bars. Nowhere does he seek to justify the assumption implicit in his article that foreign takeovers are somehow inherently malignant.

In fact, foreign takeovers will generally benefit the companies concerned by replacing lacklustre management, generating inward investment and improving sales, particularly in export markets. They benefit investors (which means the millions of ordinary people whose savings are held by the pension funds criticised by Mr Blair) by giving them a higher price for their shares than they could expect to obtain under the existing management. And the proceeds of sale are then available for reinvestment, either elsewhere in British industry or in building up this country's overseas capital holdings.

The arguments in favour of a free market in British company shares do not depend upon the irrelevancy of reciprocity in other countries. If other European countries with more primitive financial systems than our own choose to shield inefficient managements from the threat of hostile takeovers and to deprive their investors of the chance for the best price for their shares, that is no reason to inflict similar disadvantages on ourselves.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN HOWE,
16 Delaford Street,
Fulham, SW6.
June 21.

Health screening

From Mrs Olive Deaville and Professor E. Rhys Davies

Sir, In *The Times* of June 2 Victoria McKee drew attention to the need for careful quality control in all health screening programmes. The greatest initial burden in the breast cancer screening programme will fall on radiographers and radiologists, neither of whom was mentioned in the article.

Our colleges support wholeheartedly the thrust of the article and have already devised and agreed a vigorous programme of specialist training for the radiographers and radiologists who are employed by the NHS. Quality assurance will be monitored both locally and nationally with full support from the DHSS.

We recommend strongly that these programmes are applied outside the NHS as well. We are concerned that some individuals could increase their radiation burden by attending more than one clinic within a relatively short time and this would be most undesirable.

Yours sincerely,
OLIVE DEAVILLE, (President,
The College of Radiographers),
E. RHYS DAVIES (President,
Royal College of Radiologists),
The College of Radiographers,
14 Upper Wimpole Street, W1.
June 8.

Getting it right

From Mrs Cynthia Canham

Sir, Devonians don't seem to have trouble with I and me but certainly do with some of the other pronouns!

I can remember an English teacher of mine quoting this little jingle, which explained it well:

'Er will go along with we
If us'll go along with she.

Yours sincerely,
CYNTHIA CANHAM,
St Luke's Vicarage,
31 Lonsdale Road,
Bournemouth, Dorset.

Call her Madam

From Mrs G. A. Guthrie

Sir, I note that Lord Justice Woolf has set his seal on "My Lady Lord Justice Butler-Sloss" as the correct mode of address for that lady (*The Times* Law Report, June 15).

May we take it that the first lady Speaker of the House of Commons will be addressed by members as "Mrs Mr Speaker, Madam Sir"?

Yours faithfully,
GILLIAN GUTHRIE,
55 Lonsdale Road,
Barnes, SW13.

Engaging battle on women priests

From the Reverend Dr Peter Hamilton

Sir, Clifford Longley, in his "The hand that rocks the church" (June 20), rightly emphasizes the damage the Church of England would inflict on itself by ordaining women to the priesthood, whilst adding that supporters of women's ordination claim that a refusal to ordain is even more damaging. If this two-way damage is to be minimized it is essential that each side of the argument should engage with the *strongest* arguments of their opponents.

These include a 10-year-old paper, "A consideration of some of the historical objections to the ordination of women", by the late Geoffrey Lampe, then Regius Professor of Divinity at Cambridge and a much respected member of the General Synod. He wrote:

> The idea that the priest *impersonates* God and Christ is very fashionable now. But it has no real basis in classical theology. The "icon" of Christ in the Eucharist isn't the celebrant. The "icon" that mediates his Real presence is the consecrated elements, not the priest at the altar . . .
> In the incarnation God the Word took human nature, the nature common to men and women. He had to be either a man or a woman, of course; and had he been a woman he couldn't, in the circumstances of time, have fulfilled his mission. But it's his humanity, not his maleness into which we are incorporated. Otherwise the female half of mankind wouldn't be redeemed (my italics).

Those who wish to continue the all-male hegemony of the priesthood need to address themselves to the serious and practical arguments of this well-rounded theologian, as they also need to consider the actual contemporary views of Roman Catholics, and not just what Anglo-Catholics would like them to be saying.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HAMILTON,
Stonegate Vicarage,
Wadhurst, East Sussex.

From Professor the Reverend Stuart G. Hall

Sir, Mr Longley has set out forcefully a very offensive point of view. Even if one allows that "the redemption of the world must involve as a high priority the redemption of masculinity", it does not follow that "the maleness of Jesus" and "the maleness of the priesthood" are "symbols of masculinity crucified, of masculinity redeeming and redeemed", except perhaps in a secondary sense.

If they were, the female must be redeemed only as an adjunct of the male. Mr Longley may point out that he was starting from a certain position adopted by some feminists ("If, as feminism would say. . . ."); but he undoubtedly concludes as if the condition is affirmed as true.

Whatever the weight of other arguments against women as bishops and presbyters, the argument that Jesus was incarnate and died as a male is a modern one invented by those opposed to the ordination of women. It destroys the saving principle that the Lord Christ takes all of us, women and men, with him to the cross, and we all die in him.

The Creed says *homo factus*, not *vir factus*. We are all one in Christ Jesus, male and female. It is offensive, patronizing and false to say that "This is my body" is emptied of its deepest meaning if said by a woman. Women say it weekly in the church I attend, when they say "Amen" to the eucharistic prayer.

The idea that God might reject that prayer from women is just the sort of man-made theological barricade that Jesus died to save us from.

Yours faithfully,
STUART G. HALL,
Hopedene,
15 High Street,
Elie,
Leven, Fife.
June 20.

Housing the clergy

From the Reverend Dr G. R. Selby

Sir, Nothing could reveal more starkly how far the leaders of the Church of England are from reality than the announcement of the proposed terms of compensation for clergy, who, for conscience sake, are compelled to leave their ministry because of the ordination of women. One is tempted to wonder which cloud-cuckoo-land the House of Bishops inhabit.

The proposal (report, June 16) is for a total compensation of some £30,000, with "£15,000 in the first year, a lump sum towards housing, and £5,000 over the next two years". To the uninformed this may seem a generous settlement, and in some industrial and commercial situations it would be so. Most clergy, however, are compelled to live in a "tied cottage" and would be homeless. Thirty thousand pounds would not buy a small house in many parts of the country today, let alone in 1993.

Furthermore, for most of these clergy there will be little hope of any future employment; certainly not in the sphere of work for which they have been trained and in which they are most experienced. It will be tragically ironical that some of the most experienced and able priests will least be able to compete in the job market. Some, with over 30 years' service, will be thrown on to the scrap heap.

From where, then, will they be able to obtain the resources to bridge the gap between the £10,000 and the £40,000-£50,000 needed for a small terraced house in which to live? Even if they were able to obtain such a mortgaged sum, how would they service the loan?

Most tragically of all, these men did not seek the changes which are making the Church of England a different church from the one into which they were ordained and which will compel them to leave, for the wilderness. I hope no bishop will now dare lecture the Government on the need for a caring and compassionate society.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
G. RAYMOND SELBY,
The Old Cider House,
Jubilee Gardens,
Milverton, Somerset.
June 16.

From the Principal of Pusey House, Oxford

Sir, The figure of £30,000 is generally being mentioned as suitable to persuade faithful Anglican priests to "go quietly".

Would it be appropriate for the Church Commissioners to ask the Royal Mint to strike silver £1,000 coins to make the payment?

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP URSELL, Principal,
Pusey House, Oxford.
June 17.

Recording music in the home

From the Director of the National Consumer Council

Sir, I should like to inject some consideration of the consumer interest into the correspondence you have published on home recordings (June 17). It is not unnatural that the record industry should seek to increase its already considerable income in any way it can but, as Mr Gordon has pointed out, this country would be entirely within its international obligations if it allowed private individuals, in the privacy of their own homes, to make copies of recorded and broadcast material for their own use.

It is the belief of my council that they should be free to do so. If a record is bought or a broadcast made, a payment has been made to the copyright owner. It is absurd to suggest that some further payment should be made simply because the record owner chooses to transfer the material he has paid for, directly or indirectly, to some other means of reproduction.

Let me illustrate the absurdity. I have a stereo system in my living room with extension speakers in my kitchen. No one would suggest that anyone should get a payment when I listen to my records in the kitchen. If, however, I re-recorded my records on to tape and played the tapes on a tape-player in the kitchen, the record industry would claim that they deserved an extra payment.

It can, therefore, be no surprise that we support the Government in the decision it has arrived at after very careful thought and consultation not to impose a levy on blank tape.

The National Consumer Council believes that the right answer is to give consumers the right they are allowed by international convention — to treat material they have paid for as they choose for private purposes.

Yours faithfully,
MAURICE HEALY, Director,
National Consumer Council,
20 Grosvenor Gardens, SW1.
June 17.

Auction law

From Mr L. J. Walker

Sir, How splendid that you should draw attention (Artfile, June 16) to the inadequate state of the law relating to sellers bidding at auction.

Professor Brian Harvey, Dean of the Faculty of Law at Birmingham University, supports Sotheby's conditions of sale clause that sellers may bid when there is no reserve by producing in his book, *Auctions Law and Practice*, a set of specimen conditions of sale that includes that clause.

If that is right, then a large part of section 57 of the Sale of Goods Act is rendered pointless and the best course would be to campaign for a change in the law.

If it is wrong then, as Miss Checkland suggests, a test case would clarify the position, but that would be far from easy as the auctioneers think they have much at stake.

May I suggest that the simplest, easy to monitor, solution would be to require that sellers' bids be declared.

Yours faithfully,
L. J. WALKER,
49 Great King Street,
Edinburgh.

Paintings on show

From Mr John Howard

Sir, Today's letter from Mr Gray Lucas (June 20) about the attendance figures for the exhibition of the Thyssen paintings at the Royal Academy prompts me to write of my visit in the spring to see the same paintings at the San Fernando Museum of the Royal Academy of Arts in Madrid.

The price of admission was the equivalent of about £2. There were no more than about 80 people in the exhibition halls, so I had no difficulty in having a close and leisurely look at the *smallest* paintings. For two hours I enjoyed the company of unforgettable masterpieces at a cost of £1 per hour. For another £10 I purchased a beautifully produced, full-colour catalogue of all the paintings.

A theatregoer in Madrid can buy a good stalls ticket for £6 or £7, and may afterwards go on to enjoy a dinner with wine for another £10 or so. I often go out after dark in Madrid, but the bright lights of London seldom shine on

Yours sincerely,
JOHN HOWARD,
Charterhouse,
Charterhouse Square, EC1.
June 20.

Student welfare

From Mr Matt Smith

Sir, I have followed your reports on aspects of universities and polytechnics with great interest. I was disappointed, however, that in your final article (June 17) more was not mentioned on the student welfare front.

Apart from the usually highly competent welfare officers in the unions, there is also a student-run organisation called Nightline, of which I am the director in Durham. Most universities and polytechnics possess their own. It is a phone-in information and listening service, run, as the name implies, throughout the night.

Students are taken on as volunteers and are there to provide a sympathetic ear to those who might ring with a personal worry, or simply to give information on train times or taxi numbers. The service is completely confidential and anonymous.

At Durham, certainly, it is well used, and those coming up to university or polytechnic in October who read your wide-ranging series might be glad to know that this dimension of student welfare — between students themselves — exists.

Yours sincerely,
MATT SMITH,
2 Palatine View,
Margery Lane,
Durham.
June 17.

Delays in court

From Mr Anthony J. Roberts

Sir, Mr Rex Makin (June 16) is perfectly justified in his criticism of "ineptness, delay and incompetence" in the court service. Indeed, in view of the fact that some county courts in the south of England have recently been up to six weeks in arrears with court orders and routine correspondence one might even question the moderation of his language.

However, he may well be unaware of the fact that the Lord Chancellor's Department now has one of the highest turnovers of employees of any Government department. The court staff are leaving in large numbers to seek better prospects and more money outside the Civil Service; frequently they join local firms of solicitors, a profession not previously noted for generosity in their pay for clerical staff.

It is surely clear that no organisation can function effectively without a settled and trained workforce, and it is this continuous loss of experience and expertise, coupled with a reluctance to invest heavily in new technology, which has reduced the court service to its present sorry state and which now threatens the efficient administration of justice in England and Wales.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY J. ROBERTS,
36 Wilbury Crescent,
Hove, East Sussex.
June 16.

Principle of law

From Mr N. J. F. B. Samengo-Turner

Sir, Within the last two months, three people I know well have been subjected to physical assaults from other motorists whilst driving in central London. In each case the police attempted to dissuade the victims from wishing to press charges in the event of the assailant being apprehended.

They expressed the view that, even if convicted, not in itself likely in the opinion of the police, the sentences handed out would be paltry.

Until last year I had lived in London for 12 years without having experienced any form of theft. Since then my house or car has been broken into no fewer than eight times, the result of which has been the loss of a variety of valuable items.

In the aftermath of each of these incidents, the police have said that the crimes are all drug-related, being committed by youths who need cash for their habit, and that the thieves are not likely to be caught, and if they are will be treated leniently by the courts.

If we as a country no longer attach sufficient importance to the principle of the rule of law, or to the physical safety of our citizens, we shall only have ourselves to blame.

Yours etc,
N. J. F. B. SAMENGO-TURNER,
145a Grosvenor Avenue, N5.

Hostage dilemma

From Dr Damien Keown

Sir, Dr Walwyn (June 16) has his analysis of the moral dilemma of the hostage crisis back to front. The Government's stand is taken on absolutist grounds, not utilitarian ones: essentially, that it is wrong to give in to blackmail now and that it will always be wrong to do so.

The probable negative consequences in terms of increased hostage-taking, should they give in, is a secondary consideration. Even if increased hostage-taking were *not* the result, the decision to capitulate to terrorism would still be wrong.

Dr Walwyn also manages to turn Kant on his head. The doctrine that persons should always be treated as ends and never as means could not possibly, for Kant, lead to the conclusion that wrong should be done to secure individual liberty.

Finally, it is surely perverse to portray the Government as having the primary responsibility for the continued detention of the hostages. After all, they are held in Lebanon, not London.

Yours sincerely,
D. V. KEOWN,
Goldsmiths' College,
Department of Historical & Cultural Studies,
Lewisham Way, SE14.
June 16.

Arab-Israel conflict

From Mr Eric Moonman

Sir, I have just returned from a visit to Israel where I found general amazement at the amount of coverage given to the Arab/Israel conflict in the western media and the lack of appreciation of the real issues. For instance, much of this coverage takes the form of a debate between Israelis and Palestinian Arabs as if a solution of the differences between them could end the Middle East war.

There are few simple facts in this whole issue. One of them is that the conflict is not between Israelis and Palestinian Arabs, as PLO propaganda would have us believe but between Israel and virtually the whole Arab world.

The PLO itself, for instance, was set up three years *before* Israel occupied the West Bank and Gaza. Its establishment therefore had nothing to do with liberating those territories. It was, in fact, established by the Arab League to front the effort to get rid of Israel.

It is possible that left to themselves, Israelis and the Palestinians would learn to live peacefully with one another. But few people in Israel believe that the West Bank and Gaza are all the Arab world wants. At the end of the day, the central issue for the Arabs is not the rights of the Palestinians but the right of Israel to exist.

Israelis know this only too well. It helps to explain their policies and observers in the West would do well to bear it in mind.

Yours sincerely,
ERIC MOONMAN,
1 Beacon Hill, N7.
June 17.

Campus earnings

From Dr Michael J. Benton

Sir, It was good to read another university profile, this time of Dundee University (Focus, June 16). The proud statistic is quoted that the members of that institution have increased their earnings from industry and other sources by 25 per cent annually to £6 million last year, or £14,000 per head of academic staff.

This kind of earnings figure is typical. Overall, the universities raised over £550 million from research grants, contracts, industry and commerce, and short courses in 1986-7. The number of academics has now fallen to a figure below 28,000, which gives average earnings per head of nearly £20,000, rather more than the average academic salary. For 1985-86, the direct Government support for the universities represented 57 per cent of their total income, compared to 77 per cent in 1974-75 (source: *University Statistics*).

No doubt these figures are pleasing to the Minister for Education and Science. But what of academic excellence and high-quality teaching? When I was fortunate enough to secure a university lectureship four years ago, I understood that my job was to teach students to the limits of modern knowledge and instil in them an enthusiasm for enquiry, and to carry out original research of international quality. No one told me I had to spend half my time trying to make up my wages from outside sources!

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL BENTON,
The Queen's University of Belfast,
Department of Geology,
Belfast 7.

Uneasy on the ear

From Mr Roy Bates

Sir, Like Mrs H. Bates (June 20) I am unable to enlighten Mr Lockhart (June 16) on the meaning of "Earwig O". I would, however, like to place on record that, a short while ago, a young lady cashier at my bank cashed a cheque for me, handing me the money with the words, "Right y'go!"

Now had *she* said "Earwig O" I might have interpreted it as being the slogan of the Listening Bank.

Yours faithfully,
ROY BATES,
37 Suffolk Road,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.
June 20.

From Mr James Proctor

Sir, How about the name "maraphon" for the long phone calls described by your June 16 reader?

Husbands, of course, indulge in half-maraphons.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES PROCTOR,
13 Wellington Street,
Dundee.
June 16.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 22: Mr C. W. Long was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Berne.

Mrs Long had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Queen held a Council at 12.40 pm.

There were present:

The Right Hon John Wakeham, MP (Lord President), the Lord Belstead (Lord Privy Seal), the Right Hon John Moore, MP (Secretary of State for Social Services), the Right Hon James Mitchell (Prime Minister of St Vincent and the Grenadines) and the Right Hon Peter Brooke, MP (Paymaster General).

The Right Hon James Mitchell having been previously appointed a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, took the necessary Oaths.

Mr John Cope, MP was sworn in as a Member of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Mr Geoffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Right Hon John Wakeham, MP had an audience of Her Majesty before the Council.

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this afternoon opened and toured the new East Hall of the Science Museum.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received on arrival by the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Science Museum (Sir Austin Pearce) and the Director of the Science Museum (Dr Neil Cossons).

The Countess of Airlie, Mr Robert Fellowes and Captain Andrew Johnston were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Mint Advisory Committee, this morning chaired a meeting of the Committee at Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness, President WWF-World Wide Fund for Nature, this evening attended a dinner in aid of Ranthambore Game Sanctuary, at the St James's Court Hotel, London SW1.

Major Rowan Jackson, RM was in attendance.

The Princess Royal, President, Lincolnshire Agricultural Society, attended the Society's Show at the Lincolnshire Showground.

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Beaverbrook (Lord in Waiting) was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this morning upon the arrival of The President of the Federal Republic of Germany and Freifrau von Weizsacker and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Beaverbrook (Lord in Waiting) was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon upon the arrival of Princess Margriet of the Netherlands and welcomed Her Royal Highness on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 22: The Prince of Wales this morning visited Computerland to attend a meeting with local economic development organisations at 12-13 Bow Lane, London EC4.

The Hon Rupert Fairfax was in attendance.

His Royal Highness later hosted a luncheon for representatives of conventional and complementary medicine at Kensington Palace.

The Prince of Wales, Patron of the William and Mary Tercentenary Trust, accompanied by Princess Margriet of the Netherlands, Patron of the Netherlands William and Mary Organisation, this evening hosted a performance of *Dido and Aeneas* given on behalf of the Trust at Buckingham Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 22: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President of the Girl Guides Association, this afternoon opened the Scout and Guide Headquarters at Quedgeley, Gloucestershire. Her Royal Highness was received on arrival at Royal Air Force Quedgeley by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Gloucestershire (Colonel Martin Gibbs).

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Lady Juliet Townsend.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 22: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, The Order of St John, this afternoon received Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Hudson on relinquishing the appointment as Secretary-General and Mr Timothy Everard on assuming the appointment.

The Duchess of Gloucester, President of Royal London Society for the Blind, today visited Dorton House School, Sevenoaks, Kent, to mark the Society's 150th Anniversary.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 22: The Duke of Kent today visited Royal Air Force Wittering, Cambridgeshire.

His Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain Charles Page.

The Prince of Wales, Patron of the William and Mary Tercentenary Trust, will visit the Netherlands on October 26 and 27.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are to visit Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates early next year.

Luncheons

HM Government

Mr Christopher Patten, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was host yesterday at a luncheon held at Lancaster House for Mr Takujiro Hamada, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Japan.

Royal College of Surgeons of England

Mr Peter H. Lord, Vice-President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, accompanied by Mrs Lord and members of council, yesterday entertained at luncheon at Lincoln's Inn Fields, members of the court of patrons after the annual meeting of the court.

Writer's reward



Mr Michael Ignatieff has won this year's Royal Society of Literature Award for his book, *The Russian Album*, published by Chatto and Windus. The prize and £3,000 cheque will be presented to the writer today at the society's annual meeting by Lord Jenkins of Hillhead.

Dinners

Coningsby Club

The Hon Douglas Hurd, MP, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Coningsby Club at the Carlton Club last night. Mr Mark Bishop presided.

European-Atlantic Group

Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, Commander-in-Chief, Channel and Eastern Atlantic Area, was the guest of honour and speaker at a dinner given by the European-Atlantic Group last night at St Ermin's Hotel. Lord Rippon of Hexham, chairman, presided and Lord Layton, president, also spoke. Among those present were:

Members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Earl of Bessborough, Lord and Lady Ablinger, Lord Granchester, QC, the Hon Dominick Browne, Sir David and Lady Lidderdale, Sir John and Lady Peel, Sir Peregrine Rhodes, Sir Frank Roberts, Sheikh Jamil Sheikha Nezam Khazal Amery, Baron Rolf Beck, Count Kazimir Gronoski, Countess de Lasta, Rear-Admiral R G Hemsltp and Mr Ahmed Jaffer.

Edinburgh Merchant Company

Mr Michael J. Walker, Master of the Company of Merchants of the City of Edinburgh, and members of the Master's Court were hosts at a court dinner at The Merchants' Hall, Edinburgh, on Friday, June 17. The guests included:

The Lord Lieutenant and Lord Provost of the City of Edinburgh, the Sheriff-Principal of Lothian and Borders, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Lord Advocate and the Lord Justice Clerk, and representatives of livery companies of London, Sheffield and York.

Scientific Instrument Makers' Company

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Scientific Instrument Makers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. Mr Henry J. Kroch, Master, presided and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor, Mr Douglas Read, Senior Warden, and Judge Michael Gibbon, QC, Honorary Recorder of the City of Cardiff. Other guests were the Masters of the Barbers', Tallow Chandlers', Glaziers', Glass Sellers' and Launderers' Companies.

Soirée

Royal Society

Professor Sir George Porter, President of the Royal Society, was host at the annual soirée held last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.M.P. O'Kane and Miss C.M. Botting
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mrs W.A.G. O'Kane, of Isington Close, Alton, Hampshire, and the late Brigadier Pat O'Kane, and Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr Philip Botting, of Allington Farm, Offham, Sussex, and Lady Yarrow, of Cloak, Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire.

The Dean of Wells and Mrs H. Douglas-Pennant
The engagement is announced between Patrick Mitchell, of The Dean's Lodging, Wells, Somerset, son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs P.R. Mitchell, and Pamela, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs A.G. Le Marchant, of Wolford Lodge, Honiton, Devon, widow of Henry Douglas-Pennant.

Mr A.M. Barns-Graham and Miss A.C. Miller
The engagement is announced between Allan Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.A. Barns-Graham, of Carbeth Guthrie, Blanefield, Stirlingshire, and Anne Catherine, only daughter of Mr A.M.H. Miller, of East Acheninver, Achiltibuie, Ullapool, Ross-shire, and the late Mrs J. Miller.

Mr A.P.J. Canneti and Miss R.F. Wenkert
The engagement is announced between Alexandre, son of Mr R. Canneti, of Madrid, and Mrs D.R. Lyons, of Hampstead, and Romana, daughter of Mr G. Wenkert, of Sheen, and Mrs R.O.J. Manfredi-Simonetti, of Athens.

Mr A.P.V. Crozier and Miss W.L. Philp
The engagement is announced between Paul Vincent, youngest son of Mr and Mrs George Crozier, Mayfield, Dumbarton, Dunbartonshire, and Wendy Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Philp, Levern Towers, Blanefield, Stirlingshire.

Baron François de Pfyffer d'Altishofen and Miss K.A. Horsman
The engagement is announced between François, son of Baron André de Pfyffer d'Altishofen and Baroness Manon de Pfyffer d'Altishofen, of Geneva, Switzerland, and Kate, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Horsman, of Harare, Zimbabwe.

The Rev I.C. Hartland and Miss D.J. Orford
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of the late Mr and Mrs S.C. Hartland, of Stretford, Manchester, and Deborah, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. Orford, of Bledlow, Buckinghamshire.

Mr N.J. Page and Miss J.E. Symons
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Page, of Ipswich, Suffolk, and Joanna, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Symons, of Wilton, Wiltshire.

Mr J.F. Seekings and Miss N. Nattrass
The engagement is announced between Jeremy, second son of Mr and Mrs John Seekings, of Barnes, London, SW13, and Nicoli, elder daughter of Professor H.L. Nattrass, and the late Professor Jill Nattrass, of Durban, Natal.

Mr P.H. Smalley and Miss C.E. Harris
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Michael Smalley, of Wood Dalling, Norfolk, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Harris, of Branscombe, Devon.

Mr J.D.R. Snoxall and Miss A.C.E. Tatham
The engagement is announced between Justin, son of Mr Derek Snoxall, of Tandridge, Surrey, and Mrs Barbara Snoxall, of Macau, and Charlotte, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Tatham, of Older House, Redford, Midhurst, Sussex.

Major G.R. Tomlinson and Miss J.C. Spencer
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the late Captain G.W.J. Tomlinson and Mrs M.C. Tomlinson, of Uppingham, Rutland, and Jocelyn, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.D. Spencer, of Edwalton, Nottinghamshire.

Mr D.F.T. Wright and Miss J.C. Pollock
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr Robin Wright, of Edgbaston, Birmingham, and Mrs Judy Wright, of Chiddingfold, Surrey, and Joanna Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Pollock, of Wormley, Godalming, Surrey.

Marriages

Al-Sharif Abdullah bin Al-Hussein and Miss A.S.G.M. Harvey
The marriage took place in London, on June 18, 1988, of Al-Sharif Abdullah bin Al-Hussein to Miss Antonella Harvey, daughter of the Hon John and Mrs Harvey, of Coed y Maen, Meifod, Powys.

A reception was held at Brooks's Club, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr P. Hobson and Miss S.A. Ward
The marriage took place on Saturday, June 4, 1988, at St Nicholas Church, Chiswick Mall, of Mr Paul Hobson, son of Mrs G. Hobson and the late Mr George Hobson, to Miss Sophie Anna Ward, daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Ward.

The reception was held at Chiswick House, and the honeymoon is being spent in Italy.

Judge P.B. Pollock and Mrs J.M. Nightingale
The marriage took place quietly yesterday at Richmond, Surrey, of Judge Brian Pollock, elder son of Mr and Mrs B.T. Pollock, to Mrs Jeannette Nightingale, daughter of Commander W. Farrell, RN (retd), and Mrs Farrell.



Sir Gordon Shattock, who four years ago survived the Brighton bomb blast, with Mrs Wendy Sale outside Exeter Cathedral after announcing their engagement in The Times yesterday. Sir Gordon, whose wife was killed in the explosion at the Grand Hotel, met his fiancée through their worship at the cathedral. They plan to marry in September.

Birthdays today

Mr S.M. Andrews, head master, Clifton College, 56; Sir Richard Brooke, company director, 78; Lord Bruntisfield, 89; the Very Rev Professor H. Chadwick, Master, Peterhouse, Cambridge, 68; Sir David Crouch, former MP, 69; Sir Oswald Davies, former chairman, AMEC, 68; Mr S.G. Errington, chairman, Mercantile Credit Company, 59; the Most Rev Dr John Habgood, Archbishop of York, 61; Mr Julian Hipwood, polo player, 42; Admiral Sir Frank Hopkins, 78; Sir Leonard Hutton, cricketer, 72; Lord Irvine of Laing, 48; Miss Miriam Karlin, actress, 63; Miss Margaret Lane, novelist, 81; Admiral Sir Horace Law, 77; Mr Dennis Lennon, designer of the interior of the QEII, 70; Mrs Patricia McLaughlin, former MP, 72; Dr J.E. Meade, poitical economist, 81; Mr Justice Millett, 56; Lord Newall, 58; Professor Martin Rees, astronomer, 46; Professor Isaac Schapera, anthropologist, 83; Mr Anthony Thwaite, poet, 58; Mr Ted Tinling, sportswear designer, 78; Admiral Sir Francis Turner, 76; Miss Irene Worth, actress, 72.

Latest wills

Judge Peregrine Maitland **Blomefield**, of Frilsham, Berkshire, circuit judge, left estate valued at £336,773 net.

Mr Alfred William **Mole**, of Wribbenhall, Hereford and Worcester, left estate valued at £919,867 net. He died intestate.

Miss Audrey Jessie **Dallas**, of Northwood, Middlesex, left estate valued at £419,473 net. She left most of the estate to the Church Missionary Society, RUKBA, RSPCA and the International Society for the Protection of Animals.

Royal Highland Show

Charollais bull wins the Queen's Cup

On the final day of the Royal Highland Show at Ingliston, near Edinburgh, the coveted Queen's Cup for the best entry in the beef cattle section was won by the four-year-old Charollais bull, Fleets Vibrant, shown by Mrs P. Ogden and Chamley Farms Limited, of Carnforth, Lancashire.

Reserve for the supreme title went to the Romagnola cow, Stirling Jeananne, from John McIlwraith & Son, Bailig, Ayr. The beef interbreed team contest was won by the Charollais, followed by the Limousin and the Aberdeen Angus.

The Supreme Dairy Animal was the Ayrshire Cow and Milk, Killoch Punch 331st, from Alex Woodburn & Sons, Galston, Ayrshire. Standing reserve was the British Fresian cow, Holmland Ruby 90th, from Messrs Bell, Carnforth, Lancashire. The Fresians won the team title with Jerseys in reserve.

The supreme sheep champion was a five-year-old Suffolk ewe from James Wallace, of Greyhill, Stranraer. Reserve was a North Country Cheviot Gimmer from T. Dun & Sons, Nether Brotherstone, Heriot, Midlothian.

The Lloyd's Bank In-Hand Championship for horses and ponies went to the Moorland filly, Rosslyn Dominique, from Mr and Mrs K. V. Runcie, of Haddington. Reserve was a Welsh mountain mare, Connel Catrin, from John Russell, of Glasgow.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr William Aldous, QC, to be a Justice of the High Court, assigned to the Chancery Division.

The Duke of Beaufort to be President of the British Horse Society from June 28, in succession to Major Derek Allhusen.

Mr D. A. Shirley to be an Income Tax Commissioner for the special purposes of the Income Tax Acts.

Mr Robert Bernays, Mr James Dickson and **Mr Jeremy Thring** to be Deputy Lieutenants of Avon.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Anna Akhmatova, poet, Bolshoy Fontan, Ukraine, 1889; The Duke of Windsor, sometime Edward VIII, reigned Jan 20 1936-Dec 11 1936, White Lodge, Richmond Park, 1894.

DEATHS: Pedro de Mendoza, explorer, founder of Buenos Aires, at sea in the Atlantic, 1537; Mark Akenside, poet and physician, London, 1770; Sir James Hall, geologist, Edinburgh, 1832; James Mill, Utilitarian philosopher, London, 1836; Lady Hester Stanhope, traveller and eccentric, Djouni, Mount Lebanon, 1839; Cecil James Sharp, musician, founder of the English Folk-Dance Society, London, 1924.

Church news

Appointments

Church in Wales

The Rev Owynfar Morris Hughes, Rector of Llanfair PG with Pennymodd, to be Rural Dean of Tindaethwy (Angelsey), diocese of Bangor.

Fishmongers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Fishmongers' Company for the ensuing year: Prime Warden, Mr P J S Lumsden; Second Warden, Mr G R C Shepard; Third Warden, the Hon Sir Charles Morrison, MP; Fourth Warden, Lord Kindersley; Fifth Warden and Renter Warden, Mr A J Butterwick; Sixth Warden, Mr J P Gough.

Reception

HM Government

Mr Robert Atkins, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Trade and Industry, was host yesterday at a reception given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House to mark the International Rubber Study Group 97 group meeting.

The London Mathematical Society

The council of the London Mathematical Society has made the following awards:

Polya prize: Professor G T C Wall, Liverpool University; Senior Berwick prize: Professor D B A Epstein, Warwick University; Junior Whitehead prizes: Dr S M Rees, Liverpool University; Dr P J Webb, Manchester University; and Professor A Wiles, Princeton and Oxford universities; honorary member: Professor C Chouquet, Academie des Sciences, Paris.

Service dinner

Mountain Artillery

Major-General J.H.S. Majury was the principal guest at the fortieth annual dinner of the Mountain Artillery Dinner Club held last night at the Naval and Military Club. Major-General B.P. Hughes presided.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, will attend a reception at Dartmouth House at 6.30 to mark the seventieth anniversary of the union; and, as president, will present the 1987 Albert and Benjamin Franklin Medals at a dinner at the Royal Society of Arts at the society's house at 7.25.

The Prince of Wales, Chairman of the Prince of Wales' Committee, will visit committee projects at Cwmdulais Community Centre at 10.30; and Pontarddulais Primary School, West Glamorgan, at 11.55. He will attend a luncheon at the Town Hall, Llanelli, at 12.35; and visit committee projects at Kidwelly Industrial Museum, Llanelli, at 2.05; and the Bloomfield Centre, Narberth, Dyfed, at 3.45.

The Princess of Wales will visit the 13th/18th Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own) on Salisbury Plain at 10.50.

Prince Edward will visit Madame Tussaud's at 8.00am to open the Grand Hall and unveil his portrait.

The Princess Royal, President of the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society, will attend the society's show at the Lincolnshire Showground at 10.00; and will attend a dinner given by the Chairman and Council of the International Stock Exchange at 7.40.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the Civil Aviation Authority's new Aviation House at Gatwick Airport at 10.35.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as patron, will attend a concert given by the London Suzuki Group at Ockwells Manor, near Maidenhead, at 7.45 in aid of the National Art-Collections Fund.

The Duke of Kent, Honorary Patron of the European Baroque Orchestra, will attend the opening concert of the 1988 Orchestral Tour at Merchant Taylors' Hall at 8.00.

Prince Michael of Kent, as Visitor, will open Colfe's Preparatory School at 12.10.

OBITUARY

MR T. E. UTLEY

Defender of traditional values in politics and religion



Mr T. E. Utley, CBE, known universally as "Peter", who died on June 21, at the age of 67, was the most distinguished Conservative journalist of his generation. He was an important influence on the thinking of the Tory Party, an intellectual precursor of Thatcherism, and throughout his life a mentor – revered, consulted and endlessly quoted – to the young.

He held major editorial posts on several national newspapers, including *The Times*, where he began and ended his journalistic career. And he was a wit who, as Obituary Editor on this newspaper, once said that he wished his own obituary to appear under the title: *Hoist with his own petard.*

Thomas Edwin Utley was born on February 1, 1921, and became the adopted son of Miss Anne Utley. His education, after blindness struck him at the age of nine, was tailored to meet the needs of a remarkable brain unable to be fed from the printed page. His disability stimulated other abilities. Forced to rely on having books and documents read aloud to him, he trained himself to take mental notes in the meticulous way other scholars take written notes. Unable to write or type unaided, he developed a faculty for dictating, apparently at will, logical arguments in clear prose.

Thus equipped, he went to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, to read history under Kenneth Pickthorn and Canon Charles Smyth. He gained, among other academic honours, a First with distinction.

It was now the middle of the war. Utley's gifts of analysis and exposition would have gained him a leading role in journalism in any age. But with so many journalists in the Forces, he soon found himself in the position – one remarkably influential for a young man just down from university – of writing leading articles for *The Times* at the height of the conflict. On at least one occasion, he proved more farsighted than his senior colleagues.

Given the task of composing *The Times* response to the July 1944 plot against Hitler, he welcomed it as evidence that anti-totalitarian forces existed in Germany which, if encouraged, might help in bringing about an early end to the war. The Editor, after a conversation with the Foreign Office, returned to insist that no hint be given of willingness to negotiate with a post-Nazi Government. The amended leader ignored the need of incentives for continued German resistance to the Hitler regime.

Utley continued his career as a leader-writer after the war, on *The Times*, *The Sunday Times* and *The Observer*. But he made his greatest mark over the next decade as pamphleteer, lecturer and, in effect, house philosopher of the Tory Party.

Although his later reputation (which he himself carefully fostered) is that of a stern unbending Tory, he was in the fifties almost the sole intellectual protagonist of Butskellism. In pamphlets like "The Conservatives and their Critics" and, later, in his book *Not Guilty*, he defended the "new Conservatism" of Butler and Eden as an authentic expression of Burkean ideas in the post-war world against "both Socialist doctrinaires and middle-class militants."

His defence of the domestic policies of the Tory Governments between 1951 and 1964 has worn well. They can now be seen, as he then argued, to have made great progress towards a freer economy while maintaining an atmosphere of class reconciliation. But his argument in *Not Guilty* that the Suez adventure had maintained Western influence in the Middle East by drawing in the United States has the smell of the lawyer's brief about it.

In 1964, Utley joined *The Daily Telegraph*, then seeking to sharpen its traditional Conservative stance. He had supported R. A. Butler for the Tory leadership in 1964 but he was among the first Tories to see that Butskellism was played out as practical politics.

Over the next decade, together with the paper's Deputy Editor, Colin Welch, he recruited a talented group of younger Conservative journalists who in the leader and opinion columns of the paper set about re-defining modern Conservatism under his genial guidance and inspiration.

He wrote an acute and largely sympathetic study of Enoch Powell's politics which he defined prophetically as "the conversion of the Conservative Party ....from a largely dirigist and paternalistic view of economic policy to a radical policy of economic liberalism." And he first supported Edward Heath's rethinking of Tory policy, and then deplored its abandonment at the first whiff of grapeshot. He thus laid the groundwork for what is now known as Thatcherism.

When Mrs Thatcher came along in person, he gave her early and full support in his journalism. He became in the late Seventies a Consultant to Conservative Central Office and had an occasional hand in drafting her more felicitous speeches until very recently. Perceptive observers detected his urbane hand and Anglican theological insights in her recent speech to the Church of Scotland Assembly. They were not wrong.

His political services were rewarded with a CBE in 1980. He was, however, an idiosyncratic Thatcherite who saw it as his task to defend the Prime Minister from the painful charge of being a radical. As he had defended Butskellism from the contempt of the Right, so he defended Thatcherism from the indignation of the Wets. It was, he maintained, no departure from Tory orthodoxy but merely the latest movement in the balancing act of traditional Conservatism – prudently redressing the overweening state and trade union power of the Seventies. Historians may yet again come to share his view.

Earlier, in the late Sixties, Utley's imagination, bored by the economic obsessions of postwar politics, was unexpectedly fired by the Ulster crisis. He became deeply involved in the politics of the Province whose people he grew to love.

He fought an election, predictably unsuccessfully, against the Rev Ian Paisley in 1974. He wrote prolifically and, for an outsider, with rare insight on the twists and turns of the Ulster crisis over 20 years.

The experience drew from him his finest book, *Lessons of Ulster*, which is less a study of Irish politics than a brilliant dissection of the inadequacies of liberal statecraft faced with the intransigent passions of nationalism.

He had no patience with successive Governments which, as he saw it, would neither maintain order nor relinquish power in Northern Ireland. And he was driven as close to despair as his equable temperament would allow by the search for an idealist "political solution" which he saw as an avoidance of hard decisions and political duties.

These were harsh judgements of a policy he conceded to be well-intentioned. It cannot yet be said that they were wrong.

To his great delight, Utley was once described (by the Editor of *The Irish Times*) as "the ghost of the *Morning Post* rattling his chains in the corridors of *The Daily Telegraph*." He seemed indeed to many the incarnation of the paper's Toryism and in 1980 was appointed a deputy to the Editor which allowed him to exercise his skill as a chairman and to edit, always with skill and tact, the work of younger journalists.

In 1985 he began a weekly political column – and instantly proved a master of that difficult art of personal writing on public affairs. But a new dispensation on the *Telegraph*, which was anxious to distance the paper from too principled a Toryism, reduced his influence on editorial policy and diverted him from writing about the topic he cared most about, namely Ireland. Under these less congenial conditions, he left the paper to rejoin *The Times* where his last column appeared a fortnight ago.

Utley's closely argued writings, whether in books or journals, could give only an inadequate impression of the ebullient and irreverent character of the man. This came over, rather, on television, of which medium he was a master, and on radio, where he would discourse, extempore with great wit.

A slight figure, though piratical in appearance with eye-patch and tousled hair, he retained to the end a youthfulness of spirit and a sense of humour which made his company a delight, to friends male and female, old and young. He was totally devoid of composity (and was, incidentally, a very good mimic of it, in others).

Above all, he was unhesitatingly generous towards those who were setting out on their careers. He was the spiritual father of the "Young Fogeys". He put in many a good word in the right place – notably for the secretaries who read to him, and whose invariable beauty he claimed to be able to detect from the sound of their voice.

Utley had spent many years in the anonymity of leader-writing. This was no hindrance to his reputation in the trade of journalism where his ability to turn out anything from 300 to 3000 elegant words of flawless logic on almost any topic at the shortest of notices made him a prize catch for the Editors of four national newspapers and a hero to the younger Tory journalists who sat at his knee.

Inevitably, however, it limited his renown with the wider public of readers for which his occasional articles only partly compensated. His columns in the last three years of his life changed all this. So polished was the talent and so acute the mind displayed in them weekly that his reputation as a journalist and as a political theorist was never higher than at the moment of his untimely death.

Utley married, in 1951, Brigid, daughter of Dermot Morrah, then a celebrated writer on *The Times*. It was an outstandingly happy marriage, and they kept a home where large numbers of friends of every political persuasion were to be found enjoying seemingly limitless hospitality. There were two sons and two daughters.

SIR CLEMENT PENRUDDOCK

Sir Clement Penruddock, CBE, a solicitor known and respected as a considerable character by a wide spectrum of people in the law, at Westminster, and in industry, commerce and investment, died on June 18 at the age of 83.

Penruddock was senior partner from 1947 to 1981 with the London firm of solicitors Lawrance, Messer and Co. He was for many years honorary secretary of the City Law Club.

As a lawyer, Penruddock was involved in the setting up of the Save and Prosper investment group in 1934 and, therefore, with unit trusts from the beginning. He was a director of numerous companies including Sun Alliance, Steetley and the Save and Prosper group.

He had a continuing interest in investment and was a director of a number of investment companies both in the UK and in Jersey. He was concerned from an early stage with the development of Jersey as a financial centre.

Penruddock was a particular admirer of the investment philosophies of the late Lewis G. White, an old friend and an early exponent of the cult of equity investment and a distinguished figure in the life assurance industry.

"Pen", as many knew him, was also secretary of the Chequers Trust from 1941 to 1972 and so for a long period responsible for the country home of successive British Prime Ministers and for the management of the estate and the trust fund given to the nation in 1917 by Lord Lee of Fareham.

In 1958 he secured the passing of the Chequers Estate Act which rationalized the trusteeship – previously including the Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary, the United States ambassador and the Archbishop of Canterbury – and this opened the way to financial stability for the trust.

He was knighted in 1973.

Penruddock had been educated at Marlborough and Keble College, Oxford, where he played golf for the university. He was admitted a solicitor in 1931 and joined the firm.

Penruddock was a member, and later an honorary member, of the Lowtonian Society.

He loved his work but had many other interests. Apart from golf, which he played well throughout his life, as the members of Tandridge will confirm, he was a keen skier and a lover of wine, in which he was encouraged from an early age by his godfather, the late Lord Goddard. For many years he was closely involved with the International Wine Society.

In 1945 he married Philippa Tolhurst, who survives him with one son and two of their three daughters.

Mr Wilford Leach, an American director who brought to London his Broadway productions as musicals of *The Pirates of Penzance* in 1972 and *The Mystery of Edwin Drood* seen here last year, died on June 18 aged 59.

He was formerly principal director of the New York Shakespeare Theatre Festival.

In the United States the two musicals obtained Tonys, and enjoyed long runs on Broadway, but in Britain some of the critics voiced reservations, and *Edwin Drood* was, generally, not accounted a success.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

"Now these are my servants and my people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy power, and by thy strong hand." Nehemiah 1.10

BIRTHS

ANNAN - On June 13th 1988, to Lesley (née Freeman) and Roger, a son, Thomas Edward Gilroy, a brother for Victoria.

ATKIN - On June 19th, 1988 to Catherine (née Vincent) and Rupert, a son, Oliver William Ian, a brother for Edward.

BERRY - On June 19th, to Gail (née Newmark) and Andrew, a daughter, Georgia Louise, a sister for Alexander.

BLACK - On June 18th, at St Mary's Paddington, to Sally (née Romanes) and Graeme, a daughter, Laura Helen Lauderdale, a sister for Joanna. Now all at Kildare Gardens.

DAWSON - On June 22nd 1988 in Jersey, to Joanna (née Crill) and Mark, a daughter, Fiona Lucy.

DOCLES - On June 21st, at Princess Alexandra, Wrexham, to Fiona (née Bates) and David, a son, Jonathan David.

FORBES - On June 21st, to Barbara and Graham, a daughter, Loren Eileen Juliet.

FOYLE - On June 11th at Humana Wellington Hospital, St. Johns Wood to Jackie (née Uffindell) and Nick a son James Nicholas.

GORE - On June 21st to Shona and Julian, a son Callum Bernard, a brother for Natasha and Max.

GREATOREX-BELL - see Suckett-Kaye.

HARDY - On June 17th, to Sandra (née Cowley) and Charles, a daughter, Fiona Jane.

HEYWOOD - On June 21st to Lindsey (née Harris) and Michael, a son, Christopher Michael, a brother for Rupert, Jeremy, Simon, and Philippa.

HODGSON - See King.

JOHNSON - On June 17th, to Susan (née Fitzjohn) and David, a son, Edward James.

KING - On June 18th 1988, at Victoria Hospital, Blackpool, to Susan and Nigel, a daughter, Zara Elizabeth Beaumont.

KNOX - On June 16th, at Aberdeen to Clare (née Ross Russell) and David, a daughter, Catriona Elizabeth.

LLOYD on June 20th to Patricia (née May) and Simon, a daughter, Kate, a sister for Nicholas, James and Robert.

MCGILL - On June 15th at the Portland Hospital, to Joanna and Alistair, a daughter, (Harriet), a sister for Emma.

O'BRIEN - On June 17th, at St. George's Hospital, to Gemma (née Townshend) and Stephen, a son, James David Rothwell.

PAWLEY - On June 21st, at The William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, to Judith and Matthew, a son, Thomas Bernard.

PEARCE - On June 14th 1988, to Brenda and Bernard, a daughter, Jennifer Jane, a sister to Naomi.

PEDEN - On June 17th, to Anne (née Cornead) and Michael, a daughter, Grace Rachael Mary, a sister for Lucy and Ellen.

POOLES - On June 16th, at Epsom, to Fiona (née Chalmers) and Michael, a son, Guy Phillip Grant, a brother for Alexander.

POWERS - On April 27th, in Hollywood California to Francis Jnr, and Eliza a son, James Greville Dugdale, a grandson for Sarah Dugdale and Mr & Mrs Francis Powers.

ROMANES - See Black.

SUCKETT-KAYE - On June 10th 1988, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Coryn and Charles, a son, Ivo Alexander.

UFFINDELL - On June 11th, at Humana Wellington Hospital, St. Johns Wood, to Jackie and Nick, a son James Nicholas.

WILKINSON - On June 16th, to Kate (Née Weldon) and Andrew, a daughter, Lucy.

WINGFIELD DIGBY - On June 20th, to Delia (née Dewey) and Nick, a son, James, a brother for Emily and Julia.

YELLOWLEY - On June 22nd at The Royal Sussex County Hospital, to Lisa (née Holman) and Philip, a son Alexander James Holman.

ADOPTIONS

MARSH - To Roger and Ann of Matfen, Northumberland, two brothers, Rouhan and Aidan. With special love to Anne. Sincere and grateful thanks, especially to Helen, all family and friends for their encouragement and support throughout.

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARIES

JAMESON-JUDD - On June 23rd 1928, in Farnham Congregational Church, Surrey, Ian Thirkell to Isabel Gladys.

WHITMORE-BRANSWYN - On June 23rd 1928, at Kings Walden Church, Hugh and Sybil, now living in St Just in Cornwall, formerly of Hitchin.

DEATHS

ARMSTRONG - On June 21st 1988, peacefully at her home, Winifred dear mother of Watson Reynolds and a much loved grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Service at Cambridge Crematorium on Tuesday June 28th at 12 Noon. Family flowers only please.

BARKER - On June 17th 1988, suddenly at his home in Bowdon, Prof. Geoffrey Robert Barker, aged 70 years, beloved husband of Janet and dearly loved father of David. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Bowdon on Friday June 24th at 1.45 pm, prior to committal at Altrincham Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for St Mary's Church, Bowdon, may be sent to Messrs John G Ashton & Company, Church Street, Altrincham. Telephone 061 928 7816.

BARLEY - On June 21st, in Tunbridge Wells, John Hildyard Tennyson, beloved husband of Sheila, greatly loved father and grandfather. Thanksgiving Service at the Church of Christ the Healer, Burrswood, Groombridge, on Monday June 27th at 4 pm. No flowers please; donations instead to the British Heart Foundation.

BERKELEY - On June 5th 1988 in hospital (Cheshire) Miss Geraldine Margaret, aged 90 years, daughter of the late Hastings and Alice and dear sister of Lennox. Service and committal at Manchester crematorium on Monday June 27th at 2.15pm. All enquiries to Jonathan Alcock & Sons Ltd. Tel 061 428 2097.

BUTSON - On June 20th, peacefully after a short illness, Clement (Clem), very dearly beloved brother of Marjorie. The funeral will be at 4 pm on Friday June 24th at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton. Flowers to Attree and Kent, 106 Church Road, Hove.

CARTWRIGHT - On June 19th, suddenly at home, Giles Aubrey, dearly loved husband of Sheila. Private cremation at his expressed wish.

CHICK - On June 18th, 1988 after many illnesses patiently borne, Eileen (Peggy), (née Gale), widow of the late Alan, mother of Graham and sister of Nora Selby. Funeral Service at Chalfont St Giles Parish Church, on Friday July 1st at 12.30. Family flowers only please but donations if desired, to WRVS, 234-244 Stockwell Road, London SW4. Enquiries to H C Grinstead Ltd. (0753) 882644.

CONNELL - On Saturday June 18th 1988, after an illness borne with courage, Christopher, much loved father of Clare and David, dear son of Elizabeth Sephton, husband, colleague, partner and friend. Thanksgiving service at Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge on Wednesday June 29th at 2.45pm, to be followed by cremation. Flowers to Brian Warner Funeral Service, 4 Harshel Court, Hartington Grove, Cambridge. Donations, if prefered, to Cancer Charities.

CORNOE - On June 20th 1988, peacefully after a long and gallant struggle, Ruth Mary of Farnham, Surrey, wife of Allan, mother of John and Michael. Funeral service at St Francis Church, Farnham, Surrey on Friday 24th June at 10.30 am. Followed by cremation at Aldershot. Family flowers only. Donations to Frimley Park Hospital, Frimley, Surrey.

CROWE - On June 21st, at Thames Bank Nursing Home, Katie mother of Sonia, 'Auntie Kitty' to Jo Young and many others. Donations to Sue Ryder Home. Nettlebed would be particularly appreciated instead of flowers.

CUNNINGHAME - On June 20th 1988, peacefully at Fairfield House, Woodbury, Devon, Ian Francis Rowland Selwyn. Memorial Service at St. Columba's, Pont Street, London SW1 on Thursday, June 30th at 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to the Parkinson's Disease Society, Portland Place, London W1.

DINNIER - On June 20th, peacefully, Frederick Henry, Wing Commander RAF retired, much loved by family and friends. Funeral arrangements by D.K. Shergold (Salisbury 28966). Family flowers only, donations if desired to RAF Benevolent Fund.

EWBANK - On June 20th, peacefully in hospital after a long illness, Richard, of Maiching Lane, Bishops Stortford, formerly advisor to The Bank of England, beloved husband of Elizabeth and dear father of Sarah, Christopher and Richard. Funeral service to be held on Tuesday June 28th at St Michaels Church, Bishops Stortford at 10.15 followed by cremation. All enquiries and flowers to Daniel Robinson & Sons Ltd. Tel: 0279 55477.

FINDING - On June 16th, Irma, peacefully at Whittington Hospital, dearly loved mother of Denis, and loving grandmother. Funeral service at 10.30 am on Friday June 24th at St. Sarkis Armenian Church, Iverna Gardens, W8. Family flowers only.

HORDERN - On June 22nd, peacefully in Peterborough District Hospital, Peter Cotton aged 81. Much loved father of Anne and Hilary.

JOHNS - On June 19th suddenly at the University Hospital, Nottingham, loving husband of Christine and dear father of David and Stephen, devoted son of Mrs M E Johns. Professor Peter Bruce aged 49 was Head of Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the University of Nottingham and Managing Director of Kimberley Communications Consultants Ltd, Nottingham. Funeral service at Nuthall Parish Church, Nottingham at 12.50 on Friday June 24th followed by cremation at Bramcote. A memorial service is to be arranged later. Flowers or donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation, may be sent to Eastwood and District Funeral Service, 154 Nottingham Road, Eastwood. Tel: (0773) 713484.

MANGHON - On June 17th 1988, at Maidstone Hospital after a short illness, Vincent John. Beloved brother to his family and a much loved uncle to his nieces and nephews. Funeral June 24th at St Francis Roman Catholic Church, 1.45 pm. Committal Maidstone Cemetery 2.30 pm. Flowers Pickard & Beale by 11.30 am. If preferred donations to St Joseph's Hospice, Hackney, East London. Deo Gratias.

MCKELVIE BEWSHER - On 20th June, suddenly and peacefully aged 96, Agnes Mary Monica (Dowager) widow of C.C. Bewsher and of Captain Donald MacIntyre, late 2nd K.E.O. Gurkhas; also of James McKelvie A.F.C., founder of 603 City of Edinburgh Squadron R.Aux.A.F. Private family service at Holy Trinity Church, Church Crookham, at 2.30, followed by cremation at Aldershot at 3.30. Flowers to A.& W Goddard Ltd. Kent Road, Fleet. Hants. or Donations if desired to R.A.F. Benevolent Fund, 67, Portland Place, London W1.

PARSONS - On June 21st, Thomas Martin, at home, aged 82. Private family cremation. Memorial service at Enstone, Oxon. later. Donations if wished to St Kenelm's Church, Enstone, c/o Sole Bros Ltd. Albion Street, Chipping Norton, Oxon.

SIMONS - On June 19th 1988, suddenly, Judith, of Potters Bar, Herts, beloved wife of Tony, mother of Jim and Penny, and grandmother of Geoffrey, Alison and Heather. Funeral on Monday June 27th at St Mary's Church, Potters Bar at 11am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, but donations may be sent to Arthritis & Rheumatism Council, c/o C.A. Nethercott & Son Ltd. 180 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, Herts.

SNOOK - On Friday June 17th 1988, peacefully after a prolonged illness, Phyllis Mary (née Cryer) beloved sister of the late Harold (John) and Leslie. Service and Committal at the Isle of Wight Crematorium on Friday June 24th, at 12 noon. All enquiries to Hamilton & Marshall, tel (0983) 522772.

SYKES - On June 18th 1988, Winifred Hyett, widow of John Colering Sykes. Funeral service at Mortlake Crematorium on Wednesday July 6th 1988, at 12.00 noon. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon Ltd, 49 Marloes Road, London W8 Tel 01 937 0757.

THOMPSON - On June 21st, peacefully at Hutton-Le-Hole, with her family around her, Ruby (née Pirks), much loved widow of Guy L. Thompson F.R.C.S. Funeral service at St. Mary's Church, Lastingham on Monday June 27th at 2.00p.m. No flowers by request. Donations if desired to Yorkshire Wild Life, 10 Toft Green, York.

TILLARD - On June 21st, peacefully at home, Patricia Susan (née Robertson). Loved wife of Major General Philip Tillard, mother of James, Andrew, Richard and Melinda. Grandmother of Oliver and Katie Patricia. Funeral private. No flowers please. A service of Thanksgiving will be held in St Peter's Church, Chalky Green (on A275 1 mile south of junction with A272) at 4.30pm on Wednesday 6th July. All friends are welcome. Donations if desired to a Cancer Charity.

UTLEY - On June 21st 1988, Thomas Edwin (Peter), CBE, aged 67, suddenly at the Cromwell Hospital, London. Beloved husband of Brigid, father of Charles, Thomas, Virginia and Catherine. Funeral at the Church of St Mary on Paddington Green on Saturday June 25th at 10 am, followed by cremation.

WALDRON - On June 19th 1988, Frank Arthur Lovegrove, much loved by his wife Jinnie and by Christopher, Bess, Stephanie, Victoria and the grandchildren. Funeral Saturday June 25th, 11.30 am at St. John The Baptist Church, Kidmore End. No flowers, donations to R.N.L.I., Lloyds Bank, Pangbourne at his request.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

KELLETT - Richard Eatough. A Memorial Mass, to which all are invited, will be held at Cardinal Vaughan School, W14, on Saturday July 2nd at 2.30 pm. It is hoped all Old Boy priests will concelebrate.

PAGLIERANI-GALASSI - A service of thanksgiving for the lives of Luigi, Patricia, Sergio and Silvana will be held at the Brompton Oratory, Brompton Road, at 4.30pm on Monday June 27th. No flowers please.

PULLING - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Martin Pulling, formerly BBC Deputy Director of Engineering, will be held on Friday July 8th 1988, at All Souls, Langham Place, W1 at 12.15 pm.

WRIGHT - Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Coralie Mary, will be held at St Helen's Church, Abingdon at 3pm on Wednesday the 29th June.

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Evolution of tennis women: (from left) Helen Wills Moody in 1927, Virginia Wade in 1977, and today's Steffi Graf

Winning form

This year's Wimbledon women are leaner and fitter than ever.

Victoria McKee looks at how and why they are changing shape

You've come a long way, baby, is the slogan for Virginia Slims, the cigarette which sponsors so much women's tennis. And women tennis players have undoubtedly come a long way since the day in 1884 when Maud Watson, encased in whalebone and encumbered by an ankle-length skirt, won the first Wimbledon women's final — seven years after the men's competition was established.

Today's women players are leaner, meaner and keener than their predecessors of even a decade ago. They can hit harder, run faster, serve better and volley with more stamina. None of this has come about by chance, but through a calculated, scientific approach to what used to be considered a gentlewomanly recreation.

With the glittering prizes at stake in this most lucrative of sporting arenas during a now almost year-round competitive season, the top players can afford to follow the example set by Martina Navratilova and travel with teams of trainers, nutritionists and physiotherapists to hone them to the peak of perfection.

They have even learnt to harness the useful aggression that can build up during the pre-menstrual period, and most employ progestogen pills to prevent ovulation and enhance muscle development, according to one expert on pre-menstrual syndrome, Dr Katharina Dalton.

"Progestogen is a testosterone analogue which encourages the formation of muscle and increases that useful aggression," says Dalton, the gynaecological epidemiologist whose Harley Street consulting rooms are visited by many of the top players. "It can also lead to the development of the more masculine, broad-shouldered, narrow-hipped shape — not in the average woman who takes the progestogen mini-pill for birth control, but in these intensively training sportswomen." Most players suppress ovulation until they have a break from competition, and then may come off for a few days and have a period when it suits them between tournaments, says Dalton.

Dr Robert Nirschl, medical director of the Virginia Sports Medicine Clinic in the United States, and one of the leading authorities on the physiology of sportswomen, observes: "The women on the tennis circuit used to be fat and slow — up until even about five years ago. Now they're terrific." Comparing current pictures of Billie Jean King, Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova with those of a few years ago reveals a striking transformation. Thick, fleshy — even cellulite-dimpled — thighs have metamorphosed into sinewy, heavily muscled ones; rounded outlines have hardened, shoulders broadened, hips narrowed into the sort of physique younger players are achieving much earlier.

Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini are awesome examples of the new custom-built model of a modern player: strong shoulders, powerful arms, small bust, straight waist, slim, boyish hips and firmly muscled legs.

Such a shape has to be worked at. Dr Craig Sharp, chief physiologist with the Olympic Medical Centre, stresses: "We must get rid of outmoded notions of femininity and masculinity." Whereas once women tennis players might develop a strong racket arm, he explains, they now do weight training to bring their other arm up to strength — with a consequential broadening of the shoulders. The combination of strategic exercise with a carefully controlled diet, high in complex carbohydrates and low in fats, leads to a body with more lean muscle tissue and a lower proportion of body fat than that traditionally expected in the feminine form.

Angela Buxton, a Wimbledon singles finalist and ladies doubles winner in the mid-fifties, and a top tennis coach for 20 years, claims to be one of the first to realize the significance of supplementary exercise on the body and game of tennis players. She remembers occasioning amused comment 30 years ago by training with "potato races" (stop-start sprinting), but eventually succumbed to upper body injuries that she is convinced she could, with the scientific knowledge of today's tennis players, have prevented.

"Tennis players have discovered the value of supplementary exercise and diet to help them increase their overall baseline fitness, as well as preparing them for their specific sport," says Robert Nirschl. "So the bodies of the women players are leaner and harder and will continue to become more so as they learn to marry sports science with sports skills. The US Tennis Association is just starting up a programme with that in mind."

Martina Navratilova — the most striking example of the way in which a concentrated training programme can alter the body and improve the game — has apparently come off the strict special diet devised for her by Robert Hoff, but still always travels with someone to prepare her carefully programmed meals. "Most of the women players now use a diet roughly like Martina's," confirms a spokeswoman for the Women's International Tennis Association. "They no longer eat red meat, just chicken and fish, and lots of fruits and vegetables."

There is no specific physical type who should be encouraged into or discouraged from training for tennis, Angela Buxton and Craig Sharp agree. Almost any shape can become proficient at the game, but the compact — even plump — may have better long-term prospects than those who are too tall and may be prone to back injuries.

"The two-handed backhand so widely used now can particularly damage young backs, which do not stop growing until the age of 20," says Jane Poynder, who runs the Poynder School of Tennis and Squash in Malvern, started by her mother Jean Saunders, who played at Wimbledon before the Second World War. "The game is so much more scientific than it was in my mother's day, or even mine — I played at Wimbledon just before it went open at the end of the Sixties — and the players now need to be athletes."

Teddy Tinling, who has dressed five decades of Wimbledon women, feels that Navratilova, poised to break Helen Wills Moody's record of eight Wimbledon women's singles wins (between 1927 and 1938), is largely responsible for the changing shape of the women's game. He enthuses over the feminine contours of Chris Evert — "the only woman tennis player I've ever come across who has a 25in waist" (they are usually at least 27in, he says, with average hip size 37-38 but busts small at between 33 and 35), and is rapturous when recalling the "voluptuousness" of Gussie Moran. But Moran, tennis buffs will recall, never won a major title.

Tracking Aids

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

The Stockholm Aids conference was the lead story in many American newspapers last week. One of the results of the publicity has been to draw attention to the association between the spread of Aids and the prevalence in a community of other sexually transmitted diseases. In Britain this link, although acknowledged, has been played down — partly, it is suspected, as the experts do not want to sound judgmental about other people's lifestyles, and partly because it involves politically sensitive discussion as to why in Africa, and some parts of the Caribbean, the disease is almost as common in heterosexuals as homosexuals, whereas in the developed world, HIV-positive blood is still mainly detected in homosexuals, intravenous drug abusers, and patients who have been exposed to contaminated blood or blood products, together with their sexual partners.

Research which suggested that there was a genetic difference in Africans which resulted in them having a lower resistance to HIV has now been totally discredited. Dr Felix Konotey Ahulu, a Ghanaian physician who has made a special study of Aids in Africa, and who has always rejected the genetic theory, is convinced that two factors are all-important in the spread of Aids in Africa — money to spend, and women to spend it on.

In some parts of Africa, for instance, the spread can be plotted along trucker routes, where truck drivers have money and a ready access to prostitutes; in other areas travellers, including westerners, seem to have infected migratory prostitutes, who have then returned to their homeland.

A recent leader in *The Lancet* would seem to support the Konotey Ahulu view. It concludes that large numbers of sexual partners, or frequent exposure of men to a relatively small number of infected prostitutes or promiscuous women, contributes to the difference in epidemiological patterns of HIV spread to various parts of the world.

The greater the number of partners any person has, the greater the chance of catching a sexually transmitted disease. To a certain extent, therefore, the amount of venereal disease in the community is an indicator of the level of sexual activity, and the relationship between HIV and the other sexually transmitted diseases is indirect. But doctors feel that this indirect relationship does not account for the whole picture. Several other diseases, including syphilis, herpes and chancroid, produce sores of frank ulcers from which HIV-infected blood or pus can, during intercourse, be readily rubbed into an abrasion or cut in the skin or mucous membrane of the partner, an obvious method of transmission. The discharge from ulcers or inflamed mucous membranes also facilitates the spread of Aids in another way, for the pus contains a large number of inflammatory cells, including the T4 lymphocytes and other cells which carry the necessary receptor, CD4, for the Aids virus. All viruses need to propagate within cells. The discharge is therefore a perfect environment for the virus, whether it is already present in the HIV-infected person, or in his or her previous uninfected partners. A third factor linking other sexually transmitted diseases to Aids is that repeated infections of whatever sort are thought to compromise the body's immune system.

Demon drink



Before the medical establishment heeded the words of wisdom of Edwina Currie and joined forces with the political left in an attack on alcoholism and brewers and distillers, in hospitals all over the world a select band of St George's Hospital graduates always wore a dark blue tie on Thursdays, emblazoned with seven bright spiders. Apart from being at St George's, and being considered good company and good doctors, candidates for membership of the Spider Naevi Club had to be able to drink a pint of beer in six seconds or seven pints in an hour. Thereafter they were eligible to attend the Thursday evening meetings where medical problems were discussed with convivial colleagues.

The red spider emblem was a constant reminder to the doctors of the dangers of drinking too much. For one of the first signs of serious liver disease and impending cirrhosis is the development of red spider-like spots on the skin. These spots, known as Spider Naevi, characteristically have a bright red feebly pulsatile centre with branches extending outwards like spiders' legs. When a matchstick is used to compress the centre the "legs" blanch and the spot temporarily disappears.

The biochemical reason for the development of the spot would not please a macho beer drinker, for it is evidence of the feminizing effect of over-indulgence of alcohol on the male. Men as well as women produce oestrogen, the female hormone, and it is usually metabolized by the liver. Once the liver is damaged it loses its ability to do this, so the heavy drinker starts to develop large breasts and small testes, loses body hair, and shows two skin signs — bright red palms in the hands and the Spider Naevi.

The same two skin signs can also be seen in women who are pregnant, or who are taking the pill, whatever their alcohol intake.

Pollen relief



Many travellers on the Underground this week have been posed a simple diagnostic question: is the person sitting next to them suffering from a nasty attack of flu, or are the symptoms due to an allergy stemming from the high pollen count? The pollen count in London over the weekend reached 357, and has remained high this week. The weekend's readings were not exceptional — in 1982 scores of around 400 were recorded, and in 1964 a staggering 720. Londoners and other urban dwellers with hayfever are comparatively lucky — people from low-lying grassland districts have to withstand counts which are often five times as high as those in a town. In mountainous areas the situation is not so bad; heath grasses produce less pollen, and the wind on the uplands rapidly blows the grains away. Even in the valleys the convection currents set up by a steep hillside have the same effect.

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Doctors at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine warn that however careful travellers are with their water, however determined they are to forswear their ice in their whisky or gin and tonic, they must still be careful with food. Raw fruit and vegetables should always be peeled; cheese and ice cream are particularly likely to be infected. The travel well is available from MASTA, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HG, price £29.95.

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Are animal experiments necessary?

Some scientists believe that laboratory experiments on animals, far from being a necessary evil, are of very little use as a guide to human reactions

The organizers of the second Living Without *Cruelty* exhibition which begins tomorrow in London confidently expect more than 5,000 visitors eager to look, listen and learn about the desirability — and practicality — of a life without factory-farmed foods or animal-tested drugs, cosmetics and household cleaning agents.

Mark Gold, a director of Animal Aid, the anti-vivisection society which set up the exhibition, and author of the new book *Living Without Cruelty*, says living a "cruelty-free" lifestyle is a question of looking for valid alternatives. But in medical research designed to save human life, is there really any alternative to the use of animals?

Dr Robert Sharpe, a former research chemist who is speaking at the exhibition, now believes that animals should never be used in scientific or medical research — and he is adamant that no true medical breakthrough has ever happened as a result of animal experimentation. "The very first human transplants were an absolute disaster, in spite of all the animal experiments carried out beforehand," he says. "The true advances came with clinical work. Anti-rejection therapy was not developed, for instance, until humans became guinea-pigs."

In his recent book, *The Cruel Deception*, Sharpe says that it was his work at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in London, where he tested chemicals on rats, that made him realize that there were "major differences between human and animal metabolism, and that the laboratory rats would never tell us what we wanted to know. It would have been far better to use human liver cells.

"Another thing I asked myself was: why is it that we are using more and more animals in medical research, yet our general health is getting worse and worse?"

Sharpe resigned his post and now works for research organizations, such as the Lord Dowding Trust, which have pledged themselves never to use animals. "I started to trace the decline of infectious illnesses," Sharpe says, "and soon found they had very little to do with animal experiments. Public health measures and improved hygiene played a far larger part in eradicating killer diseases of the past.

"I then looked at the major killers of today, such as cancer and heart disease, and found that, in spite of millions of animals being used for research, incidences of cancer, particularly, are now on the increase. Another question I asked myself was: why are all these animal experiments failing to combat new epidemics? Aids is a prime example, of course.

"My conclusion is that animals can't give the kind of knowledge we need. In 25 years of animal testing, no anti-tumour agent has been found to be safe and effective enough for humans."

'Thalidomide was extensively tested on mice'

Thalidomide, Sharpe says, was extensively tested on rats and mice who were found to be immune to the drug. "Only rabbits gave a similar response to humans, and even there, the drug was never tested for birth defects. The addictive potential of tranquillizers was never once spotted in animal tests. With new drugs, the side effects in humans simply cannot be predicted, however many animal tests are used. An animal, for instance, cannot tell you if it is depressed, or has a headache. Yet, in order to put a new drug on the market, animal tests are now a legal requirement."

The question remains, if animals are not used for medical research, what can scientists use instead? Sharpe says: "Human cells and the human placenta give much better results. Whenever animals can't be used, better and more reliable alternatives are instantly developed. Animals can't get pneumonia, for example, so human volunteers had to be used to test vaccines and drugs."

Sharpe feels the fact that animals are also unhelpful in Aids research — you cannot inflict human Aids on animals — "is the best news there is". Scientists must study Aids in a test tube on human cells.

"My belief is that animal testing gives results at second hand, and that if we can turn away from animal work we shall be in a better position to learn how diseases affect humans, and how safe cures and treatments can be developed."

As might be imagined, most research scientists strongly disagree with Sharpe. Peter Spyer, Professor of Physiology at the Royal Free Medical School, London, strongly defends animal testing, as he says the results are self-evident and dramatic.

"All transplant work owes its current success to early animal work," he says. "Also, such operations as hip replacements and heart valve replacements could never have been developed without animals. Cardiovascular work has been made possible by animal research. There have also been tremendous advances in microsurgery.

"The point of transfer from animals to people never happened until the techniques had been established to a significant degree."

In the case of thalidomide, Spyer maintains, animal experimentation was not carried out fully and there was "criminal neglect" in observation. "With tranquillizers, it is the inappropriate use of the drugs which has led to the disasters, rather than the drug itself."

Nor does Spyer agree that there have been no advances in cancer therapy. "The anti-animal argument here is completely fallacious," he said. "There have been several breakthroughs in leukaemia treatments, and the increased prevalence of cancer has mainly come about because people live longer nowadays.

"Don't forget that we have eradicated smallpox, developed new and safe anaesthetics and controlled high blood pressure, simply because of work with animals."

Spyer is also convinced that Aids research will not advance until we can have animal models. "Until we can induce the antibody in non-humans we are in a weak situation."

Scientists are now, says Spyer, sensitive to the use of animals, and concerned never to use them unless absolutely necessary. "The number of animal experiments is going down all the time, and alternatives, such as placentas and human organs, are being used increasingly. I'm all in favour of this, and I'm certainly not advocating unnecessary animal testing. But my conviction is that there is no full alternative to animal testing, and never will be."

'Animal testing gives results at second hand'

Liz Hodgkinson

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The Cruel Deception by Dr Robert Sharpe, is published by Thorsons (£7.99). The Living Without Cruelty Exhibition is at Kensington Town Hall, June 24-26 (opening times from Animal Aid: 0732-364546). *Living Without Cruelty* by Mark Gold is published tomorrow by Green Print (£4.95).

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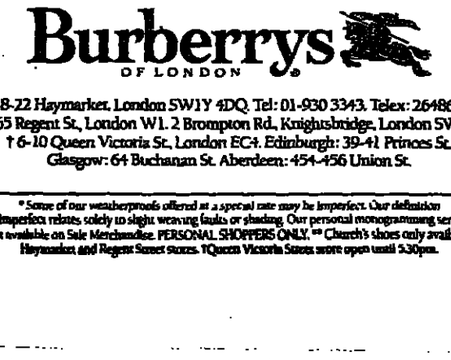
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Reaffirming good faith: Bruce Springsteen on stage

David Sinclair watches Bruce Springsteen face up to his fans' expectations at the start of his British tour

Rock 'n' reality with the Boss

ROCK

The trudge through the dingy backstreets of Birmingham to the first of Bruce Springsteen's British dates, at Villa Park, was remarkable for the innumerable encounters with ticket touts, all pathetically eager to sell. Inside the gates, the 40,000-capacity football stadium was not quite full, and the crowd on the ground enjoyed an unaccustomed freedom of movement. Across the top of the bare, white stage a tacky vaudeville banner advertising *Tunnel Of Love* was the only concession to the notion of set design.

At 6.20pm, Springsteen and the E Street Band, walked on in a businesslike fashion and began playing "Tunnel Of Love", a hard, clunky version that lacked the lightness of touch which distinguishes the record. It was a far cry from the glory days of the *Born In The USA* tour, which began four years ago, and redefined the commercial and critical boundaries of rock.

Yet Springsteen must have been more aware than anyone that those extremes of success could not last indefinitely; also, that his reputation as a performer was founded on an emotional integrity which was unlikely to withstand the dehumanizing effects of simply writing more grand themes and pushing the right buttons for stadium audiences. In paring down the sound and scale of his songs on *Tunnel Of Love* and electing to play arenas rather than stadiums in America, Springsteen indicated his willingness to walk before they made him run.

But his retreat has not been altogether orderly and the first half of this show indicated the problem he now has, in getting his latterday mainstream supporters to accept him as anything other than a clenched-fist rocker.

The crowd's response to an intriguingly motley collection of material was desultory, especially after an odd arrangement of "Vigilante Man" and the rather touching "Brilliant Disguise". The contrastingly raucous cries of "War" and "Born In The USA", which brought the first set to a conclusion, were, predictably, much better received.

The E Street Band – all of whom have been posted to new positions on stage – now seems to operate along the lines of an American football team, with various members and sections of the squad sitting out on the reserve bench for much of the show. An astounding five-piece horn section, recruited from the New Jersey band La Bamba and the Hubcaps, gave the requisite muscle to a superlative R'n'B revue-style finale in the second half, which incorporated "Tenth Avenue Freeze Out", "Sweet Soul Music" and "Raise Your Hand".

However, it seemed a shame that the new slimline Clarence Clemons, who has given up the stage suits for leather and beret Black Panther chic, ended up playing odd percussion instruments more often than he did his saxophone. The red-haired, micro-skirted Patti Scialfa, who looked brassier than any of them, was often thrust to the front, while Nils Lofgren played a very second fiddle to Springsteen who, although not much of a player, took most of the lead guitar breaks himself.

The second set began on the deceptively gentle note of "Tougher Than The Rest", before a swampy Bo Diddley vamp of "I Ain't Got You" gave way to "She's The One". After a quiet section of "I'm On Fire" and "One Step Up" Springsteen finally got on the roll which the occasion demanded, sweeping into faultless, rousing versions of "Because The Night", "Backstreets" ("For any of the old fans") "Dancing In The Dark" and "Light Of Day".

The "encores", which lasted for nearly an hour, produced the kind of audience euphoria that is a rarity to behold. "Hungry Heart", "Glory Days" and "Bobby Jean" made the mass of bobbing heads look like beans being shaken in a jar.

But it was a solo acoustic version of "Born To Run", with its lyric of yearning self-examination for once crystal clear, which most stirred the emotions. As he sang it, standing in a pool of purple light, Springsteen reaffirmed the good faith that started him on his odyssey and which has sustained him to the point where more is now expected of him than is perhaps humanly possible.

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One awaits 1991 with trepidation. If only half the grand schemes to mark the Mozart bicentenary come to fruition, some concert-goers may end the year wishing never to hear anything with a Köchel number again. And magical evenings like this will be met with a yawn instead of a gasp.

Here was the perfect Mozart concert. The pianists Murray Perahia and Radu Lupu are kindred spirits, and in the two-piano Concertos – in F, K242, and in E flat, K365 – there was an extraordinary feeling of agreement inside which, paradoxically, individual spontaneity could flourish. The rapport clearly extended to the English Chamber Orchestra as well; Perahia made a few directorial gestures, but there was really no need.

The F major concerto is actually the three-piano work, condensed for two by Mozart himself. That improves it, for the third soloist generally feels rather like a spare part.

The current trend is to persuade a musical politician to play it (or, failing that, a musical conductor). Lupu and Perahia seemed to dare each other towards increasingly impish phrasing: the finale had some inspired touches of insouciance, although the music's scale and style was never transgressed.

In K365, however, the main impression was one of mercurial clarity; interpretative flamboyance was mostly confined to two stunningly executed duo-cadenzas. Between the concertos the pianists offered Busoni's arrangement of Mozart's F minor Fantasia, K608, an inflated and romanticized adaptation, which was treated more subtly than it deserved.

The ECO wind players had earlier been persuasive in the C Minor Serenade, K388. Here the poised phrasing of the oboist Neil Black was the main influence on an interpretation which was always sensitive to the music's occasional strong whiffs of melancholia.

Richard Morrison

TELEVISION

Without the sound

Eric Newby is the patron saint of all the eccentric, elderly British travellers who roam the world in sandals and tropical mufti, enjoying the views, mangling the languages and observing other peoples' cultures with benevolent amazement. *Slowly Up the Grand Trunk Road* (BBC2) was a documentary recording a trip he and his wife made from Calcutta to Delhi on India's historic highway.

The camera lovingly recorded the marvels of the Indian landscape, composing glorious visions of the dawn on the Ganges, or temples reflected in lotus pools. The daily life of the many villagers at the roadside, with their wheat fields, stacks of fuel cakes, wandering cows or flocks of ducks, was poetically recorded.

At the Taj Mahal the producer successfully transcended the cliché view by super-imposing shots which recorded the passing of the hours, in the changing colour of the great white monument, from dawn pink to mid-day gold to evening grey.

However, the programme intended to convey the idiosyncratic appeal of our guide, which it did with less success. Time was tediously passed in squabbles with his wife, complaints about their conveyance – a dilapidated Calcutta taxi – and stilted conversations reconstructed for the cameras.

While Newby in print reads gloriously, his remarks recorded here often sounded odd and inappropriate; his observation that Calcutta is "one of the least glamorous places in the world" was married to pictures of the masses sleeping, washing, living and dying on the city's pavements. On balance, this documentary was best watched without the sound.

Celia Brayfield

Engagement is broken

CINEMA

Crocodile Dundee II (PG)
Empire I

Wings of Desire (15)
Lumière/Gate Notting Hill

***Throw Momma* From The Train (15)**
Odeon Leicester Square

My Girlfriend's Boyfriend (PG)
Renoir/Chelsea Cinema

Hidden City (15)
Metro

With the recession of literacy, knowing film makers are consciously questing for the primitive roots of story-telling. That was why *Crocodile Dundee* worked so well. But Crocodile Dundee II is quite another matter.

It misses the qualities that made the original so engaging: the effortless, laid-back comedy of Paul Hogan's reaction, whether to the hazards of the Bush or the jungle of New York. The new script (by Hogan in collaboration with his son, Brett Hogan) distracts him from his comedy business with far too much plot, involving a lethal drug king.

In New York, Crocodile rescues his girl friend (Linda Kozlowski again, but very underemployed here) from the villain's fortress, whereupon the action is arbitrarily shifted to Australia, where Hogan single-handedly wipes out the gang who have pointlessly pursued him there. This last episode – with Hogan adopting a Tarzan persona to outwit the villains – is tediously extended.

Perhaps Wim Wenders too is going back to those primitive roots in Wings of Desire. "The heroes of my story are angels. Why not? We are used to seeing monsters and imaginary creatures on the screen, so why not some gentle spirits for a change?"

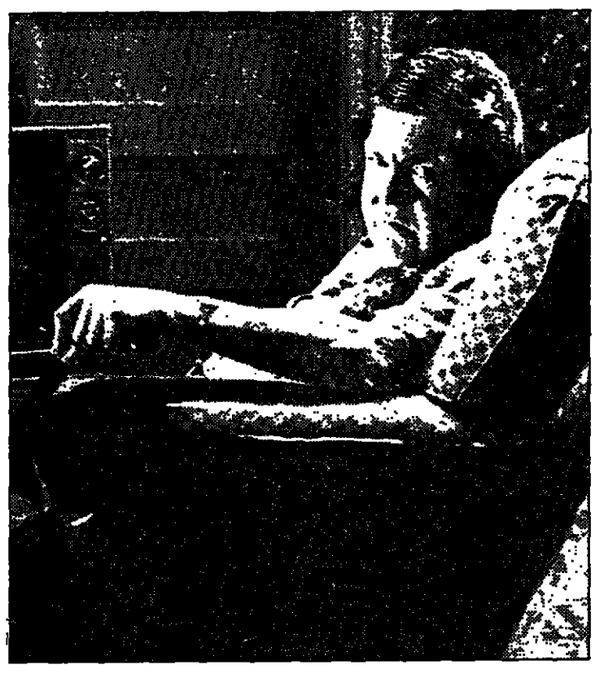
The angels – the earthy one played by Bruno Ganz, the more spiritual by Otto Sander – come to ground in Berlin. They wander, eavesdropping on the secret thoughts of its inhabitants; and meet, among others, a film director (Peter Falk) and a rock artist (Nick Cave, with the Bad Seeds).

It is clear which are angels, because they see in black and white, while mortals see in colour. One of the angels, however, (Ganz) falls in love with a trapeze artist (Solveig Dommartin) and starts to see in colour.

If this sounds fey it is because it is. The script is by Wenders in collaboration with Peter Handke; and the characters talk in a fashion which would require close examination on the printed page to decide whether it is metaphysical and epigrammatic or just emptily sonorous (the balance seems to tip towards the latter possibility).

Despite all, his mastery of his craft still sustains admiration, even for the long two hours of this slight affair. Henri Alekan's camera captures the character and moods of Berlin; and Wenders makes fluid passages from the angelic to the earthly mode.

A sleeper success at the American box office, Throw Momma From the Train marks the directorial debut of Danny DeVito, who also co-stars with Billy Crystal, a well-known New York stand-up comedian.



Pachyderm parent: Anne Ramsey in *Throw Momma From the Train*

Engaging and handsome, Crystal plays Larry, a novelist with acute writer's block and a hatred of his ex-wife, who has become a best-seller on the strength of a novel she stole from him. The diminutive, gnomish DeVito is Owen, the dumbest student in Larry's creative writing class, who suffers from the tyranny of a domineering monster momma.

Seeing Alfred Hitchcock's *Strangers on a Train* gives Owen the idea that he should kill Larry's wife for him, while Larry does away with Momma, thus effecting two motiveless murders. The scheme, in which Larry becomes a wholly reluctant participant, inevitably goes disastrously wrong.

Even at a modest 87 minutes the comic possibilities of the idea are stretched rather thin; but Crystal proves a polished character comedian; and DeVito has some good throwaway moments as the infantile Owen: caught, for instance, playing with his toy train, or showing off the collection of coins that are souvenirs of happy outings with his regretted lost father. Both, however, are overshadowed by the pachyderm Anne Ramsey, thundering commands and abuse at her pitiful son.

In L'Ami de mon amie, Eric Rohmer continues (and apparently concludes) the series of six "Contes et Proverbes" which was interrupted by the feather-weight *Four Adventures of Reinette and Mirabelle*. The proverb here is "The friend of my friend is my friend", a notion which is severely tested in the amorous adventures of four charming youngsters.

The shy and lonely Blanche (Emmanuelle Chaulet) befriends the outgoing and sociable Lea. Lea, apparently happily established with her amiably naïve and athletic boyfriend Fabien (Eric Veillard), tries to set up Blanche with the sophisticated Alexandre (François-Eric Cendron). Love, however, takes its own wilful course and effects a different ordering of affairs.

Rohmer loves his characters' unselfconscious chatter about their emotions, and their always unsuccessful efforts to hide their feelings from one another. He is fascinated by the petty politics of love and conveys that fascination; so that the final scene, contrived like the denouement of a comedy by De Musset, has a real thrill of delight.

The playwright Stephen Poliakoff makes his debut as writer-director with Hidden City, a film inspired by the State's growing obsession with secrecy. A statistician (Charles Dance) is inveigled by an unemployed film researcher (Cassie Stuart) into joining a clandestine search through the Ministry of Defence's secret stores and dumps, for old film footage that provides evidence of the cover-up of a disaster during early nuclear experiments. They attract the hostile attentions of the secret service.

The film contains some good ideas and is hauntingly photographed by the outstanding Polish cinematographer, Witold Stok.

David Robinson

Soviet voices

Nash Ensemble
Almeida Theatre

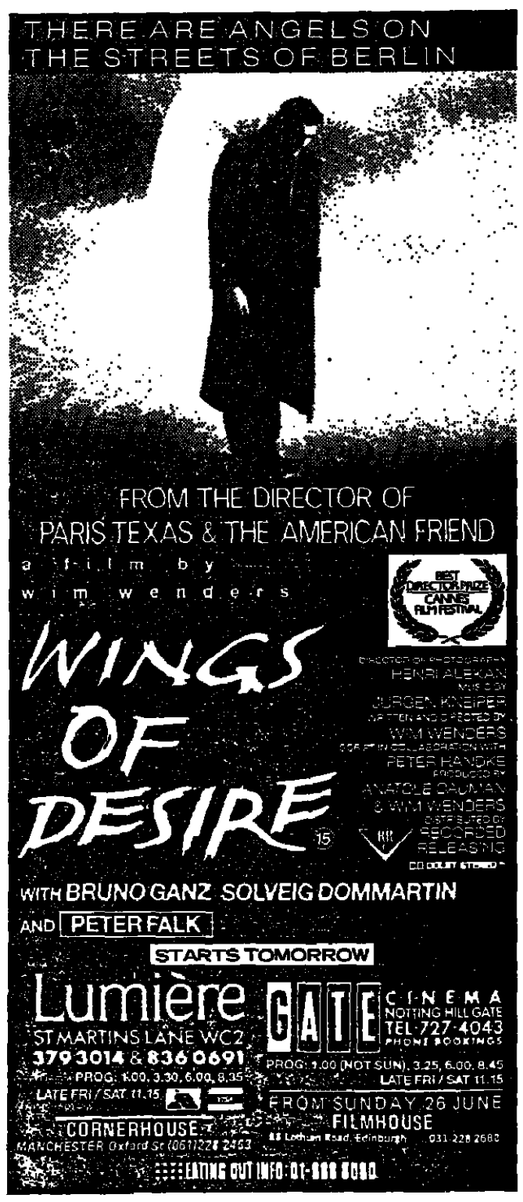
In the last of the "windows on *glasnost*" series at the Almeida Festival (which continues for another two weeks), the Soviet composers Elana Firsova and her husband, Dmitri Smirnov, were both represented by vocal works new to us, and both were present to hear them. The former has already made known her affinity with the poems of Mandelstam, and *Forest Walks*, here given its première, is another setting of two such poems where, the composer wrote in the programme, "the artist, while walking in the forest, is deeply absorbed in himself".

Lacking any translation from the Russian, the impression was of an almost Ravelian association of voice and instruments which were, indeed, the same seven-piece ensemble as in Ravel's *Introduction and Allegro*. The players evoke an impressionistic sense of woodland wonder and trilling birdsong, while Penelope Walmsley-Clark focused her warm and agile soprano on a vocal line that, as it moves through a wide compass, suggests the intensity of the poet's inward thoughts.

Ian Brown conducted an inevitably well-prepared performance, as he also did that of Smirnov's earlier *The Seasons* (1979), English settings of the four seasonal odes by William Blake, a poet to whom this composer declares himself equally closely drawn. Even if his evocation of the mariner's shipwreck at the end of "Winter" was rather in the "Here be monsters" vein of old maps, with the soprano plangent in dispair, the setting of English lines has abundant verbal feeling.

More than this was the harmonic freshness of the writing, the flute, viola and harp scattering notes like Blake's pearls in the "Spring" poem, or taking solos in turn to counterpoint the singer in "Summer", though the first three seasons reflect too little change of musical pace to match that of the verse. Both works were, nevertheless, appealing examples of how Soviet composers approaching their 40s are developing, and were here linked by the elegiac String Trio by the older Alfred Schnittke, repeated from last year's festival.

Noël Goodwin



Sardonic sentimentality

THEATRE

The Strangeness of Others
Cottesloe

In *Apart from George*, Nick Ward produced a haunting theatrical poem on desolation and waste in which not only the characters, but also the landscape of the Fens, emerged as a living presence. In this new piece he applies the same method to a London setting: again drawing on the subliminally atmospheric music of Richard Heacock and directing continuously on-stage company to set the bare stage resonating with unanswered pleas and unresolved relationships. This time, though, poetry evaporates into the thumping cliché that London can be a lonely place.

A heap of rags stirs to life and reveals itself as Dermot Crowley launching into mendicant chorus telegraphese. "Is it love you're looking for?" inquires a passing Irish hooker; followed by a distraught old dosser who has lost his blanket. A pair of Liverpool runaways smooch on, enraptured by the promises of the big city. It may be London, but it seems not only generalized but dated to the point of Victorian sentimentality; an impression that is strengthened by the arrival of Ward's plot.

One William Goodchild a hard-faced MP with a secret life, has lost his wallet to the Irish girl. She takes it back to the hovel she shares with snarling, bedridden Rosenblum (Margaret Robertson). When she was a Jewish orphan in 1938, newly arrived from Nazi-occupied Vienna, she was befriended by a cat-loving, truffle-munching Russian princess (Irma Ianiss), exiled during an earlier cataclysm.

And when in 1988 a troubled schoolboy (Dougray Scott) leaves his Midlands home in search of self-understanding it is to this same house that he comes, where his Uncle Martin (William Elliott), married but gay, is Miss Rosenblum's lodger.

An injured black actor (Trevor Ferguson) falls into the garden, and his lover Mark (Richard Saudells) gives the schoolboy a night of happiness. Martin's lesbian wife (Suzy King) discovers how her American father (Elliott in another role) is sending unscreened blood to Africa; and the father sadly recalls an earlier, wartime visit to London where he fell in love with a young Viennese Jewess living off Finchley Road.

These relationships emerge far more elegantly than I have made it sound, and Osment develops them by a skilful combination of narrative and dialogue: actors preface their scenes with a few lines that establish place and mood, often with an ironic emphasis, and the style works marvellously well, gathering the smaller scenes into the greater pattern.

Against expectation, the last link is left unjoined, and Margaret Robertson's gorgeously throaty Miss R, raking the audience with her large eyes, announces the withdrawal of coincidence's long arm in a voice that combines storyteller's glee with the character's pain.



Characters in an urban void: Philip Voss (left) and Jonathan Cullen

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The performances by the company are a treat.

Jeremy Kingston

This Island's Mine
Drill Hall

The really pernicious effects of Clause 28 will not be that a play as resonant and richly patterned as this by Philip Osment may find it hard to discover venues out of London, though for all we yet know it may. The danger will come when discouraged authors practise self-censorship and turn their creativity into other channels. Theatre will be seriously poorer in the absence of such powerful, tender and ingenious drama.

All the characters in this production by Gay Sweatshop have some connection with an old house off Finchley Road, now owned by the middle-aged Miss Robertson's gorgeously throaty Miss R, raking the audience with her large eyes, announces the withdrawal of coincidence's long arm in a voice that combines storyteller's glee with the character's pain.

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BOOKS

Sphinx of the drama

ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING
By Margaret Forster
Chatto & Windus, £14.95

Isabel Raphael on the poetic and puzzling Muse behind the romance of Wimpole Street saga reassessed



GLYNN BOYD HARTE

Browning, wrote Francis Thompson, "stooped and picked up a fair-coined soul that lay rusting in a pool of tears", and this legend became enshrined in Rudolf Besier's popular melodrama, *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*. I hope that Margaret Forster's splendid, robust biography of Elizabeth Barrett Browning will prove equally popular and set the record straight; while Mrs Browning might have enjoyed the notion of herself as dramatic heroine, "rusting" would not have pleased her at all. Nor was it true. The invalid who, at 40, left a devoted, comfortably-off family who for years had catered to her every whim, to run away with an impoverished poet five years younger than herself, may have been reclusive, but was nonetheless firmly established in the literary world of the day.

She numbered well-known authors and artists among her correspondents; she had dined with Wordsworth; above all, she could count on long and serious reviews of her published poetry. Her reputation was such that in her lifetime her long narrative poem *Aurora Leigh*, now largely unread because largely unreadable, was rated far above her husband's evergreen *Men and Women*. Sickly and frail as she was, by 1845 she was leading a life very much to her liking, her father's possessive love entirely reciprocated by his equally demanding daughter. Mr Barrett may have been a domestic tyrant, but Elizabeth knew exactly how to manipulate him; how else could she have managed to conceal a year-long love affair, culminating in an elopement that even her beloved sisters did not suspect?

Elizabeth learned early about suppression and concealment. Life may have seemed idyllic for the 11 Barrett children in their country house in Herefordshire, but the aptly-named Hope End (now offering weekend breaks for weary executives) isolated them also, so that Elizabeth was never to feel socially at ease. She saw her mother bear 12 children in 20 years, and die still young but exhausted. She watched her brothers, intellectually her inferiors, sent off to school to enjoy the doubtful benefits of a traditional classical education. At puberty, when the reality of a woman's life impinged upon her vital intelligence, there began the series of mysterious ailments that were to dominate for so long. At 15 she began her life-long habit of taking opium, prescribed by doctors baffled by unidentifiable symptoms.

Often hysterical, almost certainly anorexic, Elizabeth depended for her emotional stability on the certainty of her father's devotion to her; and when she discovered another person who would take on the role of lover as well as protector, she transferred her affection with an ease that appears breath-takingly callous. *Granted that she was swept off her* feet by a passion that superseded all previous experience, and that Mr Barrett's reactions were all too predictable, nevertheless the poet who wrote so forcefully about human rights and responsibilities distorted her situation to her lover and betrayed her father's trust. Mr Barrett never opened her letters.

Margaret Forster makes no attempt to gloss over Elizabeth's selfishness, particularly in relation to her faithful maid Wilson, who endured for her mistress's sake undreamed-of discomfort and loneliness in foreign lands, and eventually gave up her own child in order to care for Elizabeth and her son. She portrays her unsparingly as gullible, an easy prey to unscrupulous mediums, insensitive to the troubles of her friends, and ill-judged in friendships that appeared to offer the required adoration. Politically naive and an incorrigible gossip, she also wrote some appalling poetry: pretentious, arch, far too long.

And yet I could not put this biography down. I was as captivated by Elizabeth's complex personality as were all those who fell beneath her spell during her lifetime. For all her occasional silliness, she had a powerful intellect which she kept alive in most unpropitious circumstances. She had a mind of her own, and insisted on bringing up her son in ways that anticipated Dr Spock's advocacy of free development. She was incredibly brave, not only in her early illness and its horrifying treatment, but during traumatically late miscarriages. Once she had given her heart to Browning her allegiance never wavered, although I have often wondered how she felt on reading *Two in the Campagna*. The power of their love remains untarnished by sentimentality, and lasted truly for better and for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health. They never lost their admiration for each other's work, and they never stopped talking and laughing together, with each other.

The energy and enthusiasm that emanated from those huge eyes and that bird-like body must have entranced and invigorated all who knew her. She may have been a monster of egotism, but to those who were close to her she was irreplaceable. Certainly no one filled the gap she left in either her father's or her husband's lives.

If it is a test of a good biography to send the reader hot-foot to the subject's works, Margaret Forster has succeeded triumphantly; I predict brisk sales of the new paperback edition of Elizabeth Barrett's letters to Robert Browning, and I hope Browning's ravishing love poems to his wife will be given the attention they deserve. I fear that Margaret Forster's selection of Elizabeth's poetry *(Chatto & Windus, £10.95)* will do less to re-establish her reputation than the biography itself, despite notes that emphasize the feminist aspects of their subject matter. It is as muse rather than musician that she will be remembered.

Flow gently old Cherwell

NOVEL OF THE WEEK

Victoria Glendinning

WHERE THE RIVERS MEET
By John Wain
Hutchinson, £12.95

It's 35 years since the publication of John Wain's famous first novel, *Hurry On Down*. He might have called this new one *Wander On Up*, since it's a long, meandering account of upward mobility – social, intellectual, and sexual. Young Peter Leonard's father keeps a pub at Oseney, just outside Oxford. It is 1930 when Peter, to the bewilderment of his family, wins a scholarship to read history at the university.

The book is about Oxford just as much as it is about Peter; and the detailed re-creation of the quieter, smaller, more snobbish city of the 1930s is its most memorable aspect. The narrative is in the first person, with Peter the mature historian reminiscing. The rivers of the title are the Thames and the Cherwell, which flow into one another at Christ Church Meadow. Past and present flow into one another too. A great many sentences contain the words "in those days". In those days, to take a few examples, there were fritillaries in the fields by Iffley Lock, every young man had a suit, European countries were properly foreign, the ring roads and housing estates round Oxford were not yet built. The older Peter dwells in a somewhat maudlin way on "my youthful body, my strong young mind". At the same time we are experiencing the adventures of that youthful mind and body directly; this double vision is awkward to bring off.

It's not only the rivers of past and present that meet. There are Peter's incompatible worlds – the university and the Oseney pub. There is town and country – for in 1930 the unspoilt woods and fields take over as soon as Peter cycles out of the town. There is the Oxford of the colleges, and the new Oxford of Morris Motors, where Peter's brother Brian works. There is the painful question of class. And there is the division between Peter's intellectual and his sexual life, which he cannot bridge. None of these conflicts is resolved in 563 pages. As a clever girl student says to Peter about his history essay, he (like his creator) seems to be stirred up and yet not to know in which direction to go.

Peter is introspective, ingenuous, insecure, rather priggish. He recognizes "style" but knows he does not have it. He is deeply serious about his work, and gets a First. He is also obsessed by sex. When he is not thinking about the 14th century, he is trying to get laid, and the inconvenient liveliness of what he calls his *membrum virile* is a major topic.

University girls are either too smart or too dowdy. His first intoxicating experience is with an erotically gifted town girl who works in a shoe-shop in Commarket Street. Then he comes to an arrangement with Heather, a farmer's daughter, "willing to part with her knickers on a regular basis". Heather gets pregnant, and our hero is trapped.

Some of Mr Wain's writing is coarse and clumsy. He repeats himself. Much of his dialogue is wooden. Yet his intensity has created a world. *Where The Rivers Meet is not a stream of consciousness* but a stream of sometimes inconsequential incidents. The dogged, riverine pace of the narrative may be illustrating Peter's point that trivial events seem like real events when you understand nothing about anything. You have to float on the slow current of this novel, and then it works on you in spite of yourself, building up involvement through a process of accumulation. It's the first volume of a trilogy which may turn out to be a navigable *roman fleuve*.

NEW BOOKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

Between Heaven and Charing Cross, by Brigid M. Boardman (Yale, £19.95) Literary biography and reassessment of Francis Thompson.

***Debrett's* Great British Families**, by Hugh Montgomery-Massingberd (Webb & Bower/Michael Joseph, £15.95) Lively and authoritative genealogical histories and pictures of the nobs and "old" families.

George Grosz, by M. Kay Flavell (Yale, £29.95) Illustrated biography of the sabre-toothedly satirical German-American painter and caricaturist.

History and Value, by Frank Kermode (Oxford, £15) Literary philosophy and politics by old pro returning to literature of his youth.

Peasant – Citizen and Slave, *by Ellen Meiksins Wood* (Verso, £22.95) Polemical thesis that the basis of Athenian democracy was not a slave economy, *à la* de Ste Croix and Marxist history, but free citizen labour.

Robert Harley, by Brian W. Hill (Yale, £25) First full biography of the pioneer of our parliamentary government after the Glorious Revolution.

The Medieval Machine, by Jean Gimpel (Wildwood House, £14.95) Augmented second edition of seminal work arguing that the Middle Ages had their Industrial Revolution first; epilogue on decline of the West.

The School of Genius, *by Anthony Storr* (André Deutsch, £12.95) Shrink's unconventional thesis that solitude can be creative, not unhappy.

The Studios of Paris, by John Milner (Yale, £25) Life and work of the forgotten artists between 1880 and 1914, when Paris was Capital of Art.

The Unknown O'Neill, edited and annotated by Travis Bogard (Yale, £29.95) Unpublished or unfamiliar writings for centenary of his birth.

Thinking Faces, Photographs 1953-1979, by Janet Stone (Chatto & Windus, £13) Remarkable public and private faces of friends of the Stones, who gathered moss of the intelligentsia and cultural worlds.

Vienna A Travellers' Companion, selected and introduced by John Lehmann & Richard Bassett (Constable, £14.95) Eye-witness impressions of the city, *gemütlich* and self-satisfied, arranged topographically.

Bank of wild time

Kate Mortimer

THE SIXTH GREAT POWER



Barings: 1762-1929
By Philip Ziegler
Collins, £17.50

The most exciting part of this history of the merchant bank Baring Brothers is inevitably the collapse and rescue of the firm in 1890. Although Barings were not normally so over-daring, there is still much else for viewers of *Wall Street* and fanciers of junk bonds to thrill to, going back as far as the 18th century. It is to the author's credit that he does not hammer home the parallels and the *plus ça changes*. He permits himself one "what might have been" when describing Barings' refusal (understandable in the 18th century) to accept the Malvinas in lieu of debt service. He could equally have indulged in much comparative history of developing country indebtedness, from Cannings robust *caveat emptor* approach on through a series of North and South American crises, to the first reluctant official UK involvement in rescuing Barings from the effects of the Argentinian crisis of 1890. As Mr Ziegler says, 100 years later this "life boat" seems not only essential but almost uncontroversial; at the time it was touch and go.

The Sixth Great Power is full of fascinating social history too. It is pleasing to reflect that those involved in arranging debt which subsequently went into default were punished by snub and blackballing from gentlemen's clubs. The slowness of the social climb from trade and money-lending is well illustrated, as is the equal pomposity and snobbishness adopted by the climbers themselves and the anti-Semitism of almost everyone. Implicit throughout the book is the extent of Rothschilds' success against terrific odds, even if they have only one peerage in the family to compare with Barings' five. Barings too had powerful enemies – there are vitriolic quotes from Cobbett, while this newspaper seems to have had it in for the house over generations.

This is corporate history at its best: around family and firm much political, economic and social history is injected painlessly into the reader. Cleverer still, even if the typical day in the life of a banking Baring is not spelt out, the excitements of merchant banking are deftly demonstrated. Think of the pleasure of taking a turn on the Louisiana Purchase (Barings actually briefly owned Louisiana before on-selling it), of retaliation for an 18th-century bit of Casenove sharp practice, of foreign travel and top level politics, not to mention cornering the markets in quicksilver and cochineal. Such things are fun; it must have been a great career, even for non-relations, to do them in what comes across from Mr Ziegler's chronicle as a nice house, comparatively free from the stereotypical merchant bank's in-fighting and house politics.

Historical moralities

FICTION

Stuart Evans

GIRL IN A TURBAN
By Marta Morazzoni
Translated by Patrick Creagh
Collins Harvill, £9.95

PEKING
By Anthony Grey
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95

MOTHER LONDON
By Michael Moorcock
Secker & Warburg, £9.95

NOTHING FOR YOU, LOVE
By Helen Muir
Gollancz, £10.95

BLUE EYES, BLACK HAIR
By Marguerite Duras
Translated by Barbara Bray
Collins, £10.95

Girl in a Turban is a subtle, ironic, altogether outstanding first collection of stories set in different centuries sharing impeccable literary taste. There are few surprises and no tortuous wrenchings of plot for facile effect. Much is left to the reader's imagination and intelligence; and if moral judgements are in all but one story implied, it is because they are implicit in the quiet brief chronicle of events that befall the dying Mozart, the stricken Swiss businessman, Kölner, the opportunistic da Ponte.

Anthony Grey's gripping fiction based on meticulously attributed sources is part epic, part blockbuster. Dedicated to the aged survivor of the Communist Long March of the Thirties, Alfred Bosshardt, it pursues the physical and spiritual agonies of an ardent missionary as captive of the Red Army beleaguered by the Kuomintang and beset by disease, natural hazard, and a factional dissension which is to last through triumph into the atrocities of the Cultural Revolution. The missionary understandably questioning the pragmatic efficacy of his faith against that of the Communists, emotionally shocked, survives to become a prominent Sinologist based in Hong Kong.

Here the intricacies of his personal life interweave with historical tumult in a sometimes melodramatic but nonetheless moving chronicle. The long inward march into the spirit which will perhaps eliminate such insults to humanity is the author's most desirable theorem. This, however, is put forward in a scarcely credible exchange between Mao Tse-tung and the central character, when the Chairman, a bloated shadow of the inspirational leader, has become a sick and paranoid demagogue determined to hold on to and bequeath power. In these encounters the writing becomes stilted, prolix, as it does in similar meetings with real figures. In other passages a self-conscious lyricism, sometimes sentimental, seeps into an otherwise purposeful, profoundly sincere theme. Grand soap opera, perhaps. Deep, not at all soapy, waters.

Mother London is rich, entertaining, and anarchic, written with sustained brilliance, mainly about the lives of three endearingly deranged people who believe that they possess paranormal powers. They have all submitted to psychiatric care. The tapestry of their lives is skeined around their relationships with one another, their contingency with others, most of all with the inferno, purgatory, and elusive paradise of London from the material devastation of the blitz to the moral devastation of the present.

Mr Moorcock punctuates a flowing narrative with italicized passages of identifiable interior monologue, genuine stream of consciousness easily assimilable into the focal character, and sheer raving, unattributed but sometimes recognizable as the voices within and without the afflicted trio. Most readers will accept the confusion of participating in the turbulence of lives courageously pursued in a huge city during years of flux and reflux.

Like ground elder, feminism sprouts persistently in the gardens of clever fiction. Helen Muir's outcrop is assertive enough though comparatively mild. A disenchanted, middle-aged woman retires from her feckless, eccentric husband to the bourgeois Liverpool of her roots and a dying reprobate uncle. There she finds herself entwined in the past and present of a laboured farce, which ends with a twist of whimsy that no reader might have had the diligence to expect.

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FILMS

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BABETTE'S FEAST (U): One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immaculately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel. With Stéphane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Chelsea (01-351 3742). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.
Minema (01-235 4225). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 2.40, 5.00, 7.25, 9.45.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

■ **BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY (18):** Relentless version of Jay McInerny's novel about an aspiring writer on the skids in New York. With Michael J Fox, in his first stab at serious drama. James Bridges directs (107 min).
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.40.
Odeon Kensington (01-802 6644). Progs 12.40, 3.05, 5.35, 8.25.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.45, 8.50.

■ **EMPIRE OF THE SUN (PG):** J G Ballard's autobiographical novel about a British child in Shanghai caught by the invading Japanese in the Second World War; filmed by Steven Spielberg with great panache. With Christian Bale, John Malkovich and Nigel Havers (153 min).
※ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.35, 4.55, 8.00.

■ **FATAL ATTRACTION (18):** A spurned lover (Glenn Close) takes revenge on Michael Douglas, his wife (Anne Archer) and family. Adrian Lyne directs this unsettling thriller (119 min).
※ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.05, 2.25, 4.45, 7.10, 9.30.

A FLAME IN MY HEART (18): Alain Tanner's lugubrious drama, shot in black-and-white, very much a showcase for its star and co-writer Myriam Mezires – cast as an actress whose life disintegrates through her obsession with physical love (112 min).
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 5.50, 8.15.

MAYBE BABY (15): Overwrought teenage pregnancy drama. Molly Ringwald cries her eyes out as the high school student with a baby on the way. With Randall Batinkoff; directed by John G. Avildson (98 mnt).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.40.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.15, 4.15, 6.25, 8.35.

■ **PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES (15):** An advertising executive (Steve Martin) and a shower curtain ring salesman (John Candy) on a nightmare journey from New York to Chicago (100 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.00, 4.15, 6.30, 8.45.

Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
※ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.15.
Empire Leicester Square (01-200 0200). Progs 12.45, 2.45, 5.00, 7.30, 9.45.

■ **THREE MEN AND A BABY (PG):** Brash Hollywood remake of a flimsy French success. Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg play confirmed bachelors suddenly thrust into the problems of babycare. Leonard Nimoy directs. (103 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.55, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30.
※ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.25, 8.40.

THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **THE CHANGELING:** Miranda Richardson's NT debut as Middleton's heroine lured by love into crimes below her station.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Opens tonight 7pm. Then in rep, £6.50-£14.

☆ **THE FIFTEEN STREETS:** Heartwarming Catherine Cookson romance set in Edwardian South Shields. Lovely stuff.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (01-839 4401). Tube: Embankment. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, £5-£14.50.

☆ **GREEK:** Steven Berkoff's savage version of *Oedipus*, set in East London.
Wyndham's Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 3028). Tube: Leicester Square. Previews for tonight 8-10.15pm. Opens June 29 7-9.15pm. Then Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, mat Sat 5-7.15pm, £5.50-£13.50.

☆ **SIMPLICITY:** Marivaux comedy adapted by the redoubtable Lady Mary Wortley Montague, and unperformed for 200 years.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham Street, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 5pm, £6.

☆ **THIS ISLAND'S MINE:** Touching and ingenious play by Gay Sweatshop, brought back for further run. Fine performances.
Drill Hall, 16 Cherries Street, WC1 (01-837 8270). Tube: Goodge Street. Tues-Sat 8-10.10pm, Tues, Wed, Thurs £4.50, Fri and Sat £5. Until July 9.

☆ **TOO CLEVER BY HALF:** See caption.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Tube: Waterloo. Previews from tonight, 7.30pm. Opens June 28, 7pm. Then Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30 and Sat 4pm. Previews £4-£13. From June 28 £4-£14.



Alex Jennings (above) plays the nimble-witted hero in Ostrovsky's *Too Clever By Half*, adapted by Rodney Ackland and previewing at the Old Vic from tonight (see listing). The play is also known as *Diary of a Scoundrel* and traces the unstoppable rise of a rogue who knows you can get everywhere by flattery. Cheek by Jowl's recent success with *A Family Affair* showed the fun that can be found in Ostrovsky, who belonged to the generation before Chekhov and is often quoted by him.



Out of the Wilde: Jonathan Roberts, Sarah Connelly and Paul Parfitt in the first staging of Musgrave's opera

Songs from the South

This year's Wilde Festival in Bracknell takes as its theme the divided loyalties and patriotism of 19th century America. There are songs from the American Civil War on Saturday at South Hill Park, Sousa marches in the marquee, a piano recital of Gottschalk and, on Sunday, barbershop quartets and American Square Dances. *Tonight and tomorrow, though, the festival pulls off its true coup de théâtre* in presenting the first staged performance of Thea Musgrave's *An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge*. Written in response to a BBC commission in 1986, the opera is based on Ambrose Bierce's short story about Peyton Farquhar, a planter from Alabama who is tricked into attempting to burn down a Yankee stockade at Owl Creek Bridge, and who is condemned to death. The horror of combat during the American Civil War is recreated in one of Musgrave's most strikingly inventive scores since her opera, *The Voice of Ariadne*, performed at the Aldeburgh Festival in 1974. Dominic Barber, who directed, has twinned the work with William Walton's *The Bear*, based on the one-act play by Chekhov, and both operas will be conducted by George Badacsonyi. A weekend ticket, a family ticket and single one-day tickets may be purchased for festival events from today until Sunday. Wilde Theatre, South Hill Park, Bracknell (0344 484123), 7.30pm, £3. *Hilary Finch*

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166). . . ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036). . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079). . . ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399). . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9). . . ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888). . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111). . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4). . . ☆ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909). . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443). . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244). . . ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216). . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665).

OUT OF TOWN

BATH: ★ **As You Like It/Much Ado About Nothing:** Renaissance Theatre on tour with their first-rate productions. **Theatre Royal**, Sawclose (0225 65065). *As You Like It* today 2.30pm, *Much Ado* 8pm, £4.50-£11.

GLASGOW: ☆ **Dr Angelus:** Giles Havergal directs James Bridie's tale of a murder in the author's centennial year. **Citizen's Theatre**, Gorbals (041 429 5561), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £3, until Sat.

SCARBOROUGH: ☆ **Henceforward:** Latest Ayckbourn: a composer's troubled love for his wife-like robot, set in the near future.
Stephen Joseph Theatre-in-the-Round, (0723 370541), tonight, Fri and Sat 8pm, £4.80.

SHEFFIELD: ☆ **Gregory's Girl:** Stage version of the famous film: football plus a girl.
Crucible Theatre, Norfolk Street (0742 769922), Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, £4-£6.

SOUTHAMPTON: ☆ **The Daughter-in-Law:** Not The National Theatre on tour with D.H.Lawrence's finest play.
Nuffield Theatre, University Road (0703 671771), Tonight only 7.30pm, £3.90.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **ALL CHOPIN:** Iwan Llewelyn-Jones plays Chopin's Sonata No.3, Ballade No 4, a nocturne, two mazurkas.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 1.10pm, £2.

☆ **AMERICAN BREATH:** Music's Recreation, an American group, give a concert titled "A Breath of French Air" which includes works by Rameau, Guillemain and one of Telemann's Paris Quartets.
St James's, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-434 4003), 1.10pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **HAYDN'S LARK:** The Roth Quartet performs Haydn's Quartet Op 64 No 5 "The Lark", Beethoven's Quartet Op 127 and Vaughan Williams's Quartet No 2.
Wigmore Hall, 7.30pm, £2.50-£5.

☆ **BACH BICENTENARY:** C P E Bach's bicentenary falls this year and the Trio Sonnerie celebrates it by unearthing not only some of his music but also pieces by his Berlin colleagues Benda and Graun.
St James's Piccadilly, 7.30pm, £4, £8.

☆ **ALL MOZART:** Murray Perahia conducts the ECO in Mozart's Serenade K 388, solos with Radu Lupu in the Concerto for Two Pianos K 365 and the two-piano version of the Concerto for Three Pianos K 242.
The Maltings, Snape, Suffolk (072 885 3542), 8pm, £10.80-£16.80.

OPERA

☆ **TOSCA:** Welsh National's revival, today with Suzanne Murphy in the title role and Dennis O'Neill as the Cavaradossi.
Hippodrome, Bristol (0272 299444), 7.15-10.30pm, £3-£20.

CLASSICAL TOP 20

1	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**	Du Pré,	*HMV*
2	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons**	Karajan/BPO,	*DG*
3	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**	Lloyd Webber/RPO,	*Philips*
4	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons**	Hogwood/AAM,	*L'Oiseau Lyre*
5	**Albinoni/Pachelbel**	Karajan/BPO,	*DG*
6	**Sibelius: Symphonies**	Rattle/CBSO,	*HMV Reflexe*
7	**Elgar: Cello Concerto**	Du Pré,	*CBS*
8	**Lloyd Webber: Requiem**	Domingo/Brightman/ECO,	*HMV*
9	**Holst: The Planets**	Karajan/BPO,	*DG*
10	**Mozart: Symphonies 35, 36 & 32**	Saraste,	*Virgin Classics*
11	**Baroque Music for Trumpets**	Wynton Marsalis/ECO,	*CBS*
12	**Elgar: Enigma Variations**	Previn/CRSO,	*Decca*
13	**Tippett conducts Tippett**	SCO,	*Virgin Classics*
14	**Vivaldi: Four Seasons**	ASMF,	*Argo*
15	**Sibelius: Symphonies 4 & 6**	Rattle/CBSO,	*HMV*
16	**Schubert: Symphony 9**	Mackerras/AOEO,	*Virgin Classics*
17	**Vaughan Williams Concert**	Marriner/ASMF,	*Argo*
18	**Beethoven: Symphonies 5 & 6**	Karajan/BPO,	*DG*
19	**Dvorak & Haydn: Cello Concertos**	Du Pré/Barenboim,	*HMV*
20	**Mahler: Symphony 1**	Litton/RPO,	*Virgin Classics*

● The chart covers new releases and includes sales of black disc, CD and tape.
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☆ **KATA KABANOVA:** Bold, expressionistic Janacek production by Nikolaus Lehnhoff, powerfully conducted by Andrew Davis.
Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 541111), 6.20-9.50pm, returns only.

☆ **DAVID ET JONATHAS:** One off concert performance, not to be missed, of rare Charpentier opera, presented in its British premier by Les Arts Florissants directed by William Christie.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-9.30pm, £3-£11.

JAZZ

☆ **GEORGE MELLY:** Joined, as usual, by John Chilton's Feetwarmers.
Old Bull Arts Centre, 68 High Street, Barnet, Herts (01-449 0048) 8pm, £7.

☆ **WESTBROOK-ROSSINI:** Mike Westbrook's entertaining jazz-rock variations on excerpts from Rossini's operas.
Norwich Arts Centre, Reeves Yard, St Benedict's Street (0603 660352) 8pm, ring for prices.

GALLERIES

LATE PICASSO: A major show of over 100 works from the artist's last 20 years.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 7128), Mon-Sat 10-5.50-m, Sun 2-5.50pm, free, until September 18.

TEXTILES AND THE ARTS AND CRAFTS MOVEMENT:
Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-938 8500), Mon-Sat 10-5.50pm, Sun 2.30-5.50pm, free, until September 4.

MORE PICASSO: *Selected graphics* including impressions from the Vollard Suite.
Berkeley Square Gallery, 23a Bruton Street, London W1 (01-493 7839), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, free, until July 9.

ROCK

★ **BROS:** Debut tour by the latest teen pop sensation. A sharp beat and unrealistically high cheekbones.
Sheffield City Hall, Barkers Pool (0742 735295) 7.30pm. £6.50-£7.50.

☆ **STEVIE RAY VAUGHAN AND DOUBLE TROUBLE:** Texan guitar-slinger with the widest hat in town.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £6.50-£7.50, for two nights.

★ **GEORGE MICHAEL:** A glitzy, high-tech show with lots of opportunities to *scream at Britain's brightest sex object.*
NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) 8pm, £12.50-£14.50, for three nights.

DANCE

☆ **HYMNS:** Expanded version of an all-male dance by Royal Ballet choreographer Jonathan Burrows.
The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-9.30pm, £5.

☆ **DUMKY:** A new work by André Prokovsky, featuring Galina Samsova, *as part of a Dvorak concert.*
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191), 7.45-9.45pm, £5-£10.

OTHER EVENTS

TEXTILES OF THE ARTS AND CRAFTS MOVEMENT: Opening day of an exhibition to celebrate the centenary of the first exhibition of the Arts and Crafts Exhibition Society held in the New Gallery in Regent Street in 1888.
Henry Cole Wing, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6371). Today until Sept 4, Mon-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2.30-, free.

ALDEBURGH FESTIVAL OPEN DAYS: The Britten-Pears Library, normally open by appointment only, is open to visitors today. 2.30pm to 4.30pm and Saturday 9.30am to 11am. Exhibition of manuscripts, composed by Brittan during his years in North America (1939 to 1942).
Britten-Pears Library, Aldeburgh, Suffolk (further information 072 885 2935).

BONHAMS AUCTIONS: At 11am 19th century English and Continental Pictures, 2pm English and Continental Furniture and at 6pm the major sale of the day, fine Scandinavian pictures.
Bonhams, Montpelier Street, Knightsbridge, London SW7 (further information 01-584 9161).

SUMMER SALES

TODAY

AQUASCUTUM, 100 Regent Street, W1 (01-734 6090).
for about 4 weeks.

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SCOTCH HOUSE, 2 Brompton Road, SW1 (01-581 2151) and branches.
for about a fortnight.

SIMPSON, Piccadilly, W1 (01-734 2002).
until July 30.

HOUSE OF FRASER, all stores including Army & Navy, Victoria Street, SW1 (01-834 1234) and House of Fraser, Kensington High Street, W8 (01-937 5432). Also Dingles, Howells, Rackhams, Kendals, Binns, Fraser's and Arnotts stores.
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BATH: JOLLY'S, Milson Street, Bath (0225 62811).
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until July 30.

PLYMOUTH: DINGLES, Royal Parade (0752 266611).
until mid-July.

SHEFFIELD: HOUSE OF FRASER, High Street (0782 202331).
until July 30.

SWANSEA: DAVID EVANS, Princess Way (0792 51525).
until July 30.

YORK: FENWICK, St Mary's Square, Coppergate (0904 643322).
for four weeks.

WALKS

SHAKESPEARE'S LONDON: meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £3 (also next Thurs).

ARISTOCRATIC LONDON: meet Green park tube, 2.30pm £3 (also next Thurs).

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

THE ROYAL TOURNAMENT: Booking for programme including history of drum from Roman to modern times, story of Spanish Armada, and motorcycle, PT and mounted band displays. July 13-30.
Earls Court, Warwick Road, London SW5 (01-373 8141).

A NIGHT AT THE CHINESE OPERA: Performances of Judith Weir's opera by Kent Opera, as part of the South Bank Summerscope festival. Sep 8-9.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191/8800).

LAST CHANCE

KARSH: A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: Portraits from collection donated to Photography Museum for his 75th birthday in 1983. Ends Sun.
National Museum of Photography, Prince's View, Bradford (0274-727488).

MICHAEL SANDLE: Sculpture and drawings, 1957-88. Until Sun.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, London E1 (01-377 0107).

A RECORD OF POP: Images of a Decade: Photos by Harry Hammond from late 40s to early 60s and birth of pop and rock and roll. Ends Sun.
Theatre Museum, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-836 7891).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks: Greta Carslaw; Summer Sales: Jenny Gilbert; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

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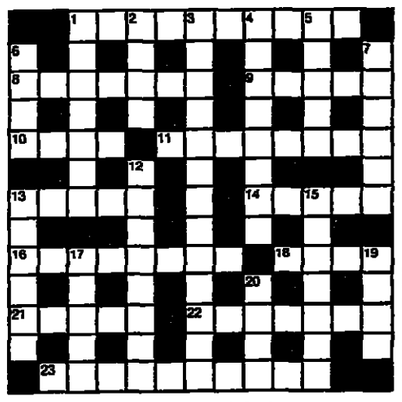
PRIOPONIC
(a) The fermentation of hard cheese that breaks down the fat and releases carbon dioxide, so producing such delectable cheeses as Gruyère and Emmental.

CATAPLASM
(c) A compress or poultice, from the Greek *kataplassein* to plaster over: "A good cataplasm of fresh roots cicatrizes skin eczemas."

NESH
(b) Soft (of eggs), damp, foolish, delicate, prissy, from the Old English *hnesce*: "He saw nesh intellectuals and heard them giggling and bleating."

DEORSUMVERSION
(a) Descent or downward motion, from the Latin *deorsum* down + *versus* turned.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
6.35 The Masquers Club in *Rule 'Em and Weep* (b/w). **6.55 Weather.**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Jeremy Paxman and John Stapleton. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27. 8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather followed by **Dallas.** Jenna is released on bail and Pam receives news of Mark (r). (Ceefax) **9.50 Lyn Marshall's Everyday Yoga.** The Shoulder Stand (r).
10.00 News and weather followed by **Small World.** Today's programme in the series on model makers and collectors focuses on Arthur New who make fairgrounds in miniature (r). **10.15 Cartoon.** *The Lonesome Stranger* (r).
10.25 Children's BBC. Andy Crane with programme details and birthday greetings followed by Play School, presented by Carol Chell and Wayne Jackman (r), and **Paddington** (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven. Robert Glenister with a reading.
11.00 News and weather followed by **Your Mind in Their Hands.** In the fifth programme of his series on mental illness treatment in the National Health Service Dr Alan Maryon Davies examines schizophrenia (r). **11.30 On the House.** Home improvement series (r).
12.00 News and weather followed by **The Animals Roadshow** visits the oldest cat club in the world (r). (Ceefax) **12.40 Cartoon Double Bill** (r). **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather. **1.30 Neighbours.** Will Charlene tell Madge what happened on her first day at work?
1.50 Wimbledon 88. Harry Carpenter introduces live coverage of action on the fourth day of the championships. The commentating team is Dan Maskell, John Barrett, Gerald Williams, Barry Davies, Mark Cox, Bill Threlfall, Ann Jones and Virginia Wade
4.10 The Biskitts (r). **4.35 Coppers and Col** starring David Copperfield.
5.00 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter presented by Mark Curry, Caron Keating and Yvette Fielding (Ceefax) **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather **6.35 London Plus.**
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Mark Goodier and Nicky Campbell.
7.30 EastEnders. It's party time in the Square with Den and Joanne celebrating the opening of their new-look wine bar and Pat and Frank pushing the boat out on the occasion of their taking over the tenancy of the Queen Vic. (Ceefax)
8.00 Brainstorm. Science game show presented by Kenny Everett with Cleo Rocos. The guest is Mary Archer who demontrates her knowledge of solar energy. (Ceefax)
8.30 Bread. Comedy series about a resourceful Liverpudlian family coping with the constraints of unemployment. Tonight Adrian and Jack stray on to the fringe of criminal country when looking for a suitable 75th birthday presents for grandad. Starring Jonathon Morris (r). (Oracle)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.
9.30 The Mercer Play: The Parachute (r). (Ceefax) (see Choice)
10.50 Wimbledon 88 Match of the Day. Desmond Lynam and Gerald Williams introduce highlights of the day's play.
11.50 Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Facts Don't Speak for Themselves. Ends at **7.20. 9.00 Ceefax.**
11.00 Daytime on Two: shadow shapes **11.15** Schoolchildren's projects **11.35** What makes schoolchildren laugh? **12.05 Ceefax 12.25** Growing up in 1988 Britain **12.50** The second of a two-part Viking drama (subtitled)
1.20 King Rollo (r). **1.25 What's Inside?** presented by Floella Benjamin (r). **1.38 Music Time.** A song describing a Javanese ceremonial meal (r).
2.00 News and weather followed by **Watch.** A visit to a pottery (r)
2.15 Sign Extra. *The Clothes Show* adapted for the hearing impaired (r).
2.40 Wimbledon 88. Live action from day four of the championships, presented by Harry Carpenter. Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50.** (Ceefax)
8.00 Operation Raleigh. This third of six films made by a team from the London International Film School captures the scenic beauty of Fiordland on New Zealand's South Island. (Ceefax)
8.30 Nature presented by Michael Buerk. Items on the storage of unwanted nuclear waste and whether or not furs made from leg-trapped animals should carry a warning label.
9.00 The Travel Show presented by Penny Junor. Reports on the Turkish holiday resort of Bodrum; on how a blind mother of three enjoyed a day's cycling; and from Matthew Collins on a special assignment somewhere in Europe.
9.30 Exiles: Edward Said. A profile of the Jerusalem-born academic, now Professor of Comparative Literature at Columbia University, living in New York with his wife and two children.
10.25 Edgar Reitz's "Heimat". Russell Davies talks to Edgar Reitz about his film *Heimat* which begins a re-run on Saturday (r).
10.55 Newsnight 11.40 Weather
11.45 Open University: Weekend Outlook **11.50** The Way to Holmes. Ends at **12.20am**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **The Morning Programme** introduced by Richard Keys; **7.00 Good Morning Britain** with Mike Morris and Richard Keys. After Nine include agony aunt Claire Rayner.
9.25 Thames news.
9.30 Password. Word association game **10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25 News** headlines.
10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . Mike Scott chairs a discussion on a topical subject **11.10 Puddle Lane.** Puppet series with Neil Innes (r). **11.25 Thames news** headlines.
11.30 Cruelty. Colin Morris talks to Jamal Benomar, a Moroccan student who suffered as a political prisoner in his homeland
12.00 Cornet at Night. How a lonely family were enriched by an unexpected visitor (r). **12.30 The Sullivans.**
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20 Thames news.**
1.30 Falcon Crest. Drama serial starring Jane Wyman as the matriarch of a California wine business **2.25 Home Cookery Club.** Weddings and buffets, part three.
2.30 All Our Yesterdays. Bernard Braden recalls President Kennedy's 1963 tour of Europe and Ireland with the help of archive film footage **3.00 Take the High Road.** Donald asks an embarrassing question **3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 Tumbledown Farm 4.10 The Telebugs (r). **4.20 Emu's World** with Rod Hull **4.45 Panic Station.** (Oracle)
5.15 Winner Takes All. Quiz game
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart. **6.00 Thames news.**
6.25 Help with news of a new booklet listing free events and concessions available to unemployed people in the London area during the summer.
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. Stephen tries to stop his affair with Dolly but Matt decides it is too late.
7.00 Love Me Love Me Not. Game show illustrating how little people know about the opposite sex.
7.30 Room for Change. The second programme in the interior design series.
8.00 Lingo. Word game
8.30 This Week: Drugs — Should the Fix Be Legal? Denis Tuohy reports from Baltimore and Washington on the debate in the United States on whether or not drugs should be made legal.
9.00 The Bill. A drugs raid goes wrong and the Sun Hill policeman have problems (r).-(Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Carol Barnes **10.30 Thames news**
10.35 The City Programme includes a report on the multi-billion mobile 'phone market.
11.05 01- for London. Maryam D'Abo reviews the film *My Girlfriend's Boyfriend*; David Bailey *Wings of Desire*; and Jerry Hall *Crocodile Dundee 2.* Ralph Steadman and Brian Sewell discuss the Picasso exhibition at the Tate Gallery. Followed by **Crimestoppers.**
11.35 Breaking the Habit. The first in a new series on alcohol abuse.
12.05am Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama series set in an Australian women's prison.
1.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Night Caller. A divorcee is plagued by unwanted telephone calls (r).
1.30 Single in London. How three males cope with living alone in the capital (r).
2.00 News headlines followed by **Film: The Detective** (1968) starring Frank Sinatra and Lee Remick. Police drama about the investigation into the brutal murder of a homosexual. Directed by Gordon Dougias.
4.00 News headlines followed by **Too Close for Comfort.** Comedy series.
4.30 America's Top Ten (r).
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 Just 4 Fun. For the young.
12.30 Business Daily.
1.00 How to Survive the 9 to 5. Advice on coping with stress in the workplace (r). (Oracle)
1.30 Women: The Way Ahead. For women who are returning to work after a period at home caring for the family. (Oracle)
2.00 The Parliament Programme
2.30 Film: Fighting Stock (1935, b/w) starring Tom Walls. An Aldwych farce about an irascible peer and his nephew who save a young woman from the clutches of a blackmailer. Directed by Tom Walls.
3.50 Film: Wild Wings (1965). A British Rail film about the work of the Slimbridge Wildfowl Trust.
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is John Cranwell, a restaurateur from Oswestry.
5.00 Film: Theatre Royal (1943, b/w) starring Flanagan and Allen. Musical comedy about the props man of a theatre who helps his boss save it from being taken over by a rival. Directed by John Baxter.
6.45 Film: The Elephant Will Never Forget (1952, b/w). A British Rail film set on the day before the demise of the London tram.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and David Walter.
7.50 Comment and Weather.
8.00 Ourselves and Other Animals. Part four of Gerald and Lee Durrell's series on how animals communicate (r).
8.30 The Prince's Trust '88 Rock Gala. Highlights of a concert held on June 6 at the Royal Albert Hall in the presence of the Prince and Princess of Wales. Among those taking part are Elton John, Mark Knopfler and Midge Ure.
10.00 Film: The Frog Prince (1984) starring Jane Snowden. Romantic comedy about a naive young English girl who finds love when studying at the Sorbonne. Written by Posy Simmonds and directed by Brian Gilbert.
11.40 Film: The Silence (1968) starring Ingrid Thulin as a lesbian intellectual attracted to her sexually active younger sister — a single parent. Directed by Ingmar Bergman. Ends **1.30am.**

Illuminating a recent history

TELEVISION CHOICE

● **The Parachute** (BBC1, 9.30pm) opens a season of plays by David Mercer, who vies with Dennis Potter as television's most important dramatist. Six of Mercer's works, spanning the years from 1968 to 1977, are being repeated, and there is one new production, *A Dinner of Herbs*, finished shortly before the writer's early death of a heart attack in 1980. Mercer was an uncompromising artist, who explored feelings and attitudes with a rare intensity. Like the man, the plays are often difficult and rarely comfortable. He used the television medium to juggle with time and burst the bounds of naturalism. Partly because he suffered it himself, he was interested in mental illness, the subject of *In Two Minds* (being shown on July 21) and *A Suitable Case for Treatment*, the basis of the cinema film, *Morgan*. He essayed black comedy in *Let's Murder Vivaldi* (July 7) and explored the dilemmas of a socialist writer through the semi-autobiographical figure of Robert Kelvin (Leo McKern) in *On the Eve of Publication* (June 30). Perhaps most of all his subject was politics, although he usually examined political attitudes through the lives of non-politicians. *A Dinner of Herbs* (August 4) is set in Israel and charts the love affair between an English woman journalist and an Israeli professor, while several earlier plays, including *The Parachute*, had European settings and were concerned with the twin scourges of Communism and Fascism. Set in a Luftwaffe barracks during the Second World War, but ranging back and forward in time, *The Parachute* uses a father-son relationship within an aristocratic family to illuminate a dark period of European history.

Peter Waymark



The dark time re-enacted: with (from left) Alan Badel, Jill Bennett, Sokel Dean and John Osborne (BBC1, 9.30pm)

Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on **VHF** (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat with Lesley Curwen **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat with Lesley Curwen **5.45** Nicky Campbell **7.30** Liz Kershaw **9.00** The Story of Atlantic with Andy Peebles **10.00** Andy Kershaw **12.00-4.00** As Radio 2
VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2
2.00 Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05-7.00** John Dunn

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
4.00 Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Wimbledon **7.00** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **10.00** Pull the Other One! A radio happening with David Frost **10.30** Star Sounc Cinema **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00** Charles Nove presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

5.00 Newsdesk **5.30** Irving Berlin Among Friends **5.40** The Farming World **7.00** World News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** Andy Kershaw's World of Music **7.45** Sportsworld **8.00** World News **8.05** Reflections **8.15** Country Style **8.30** John Peel **9.00** World News **9.05** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News **9.45** Society Today **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Londres Midi **11.00** World News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.25** Book Choice **11.30** Citizens **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** World News **1.09** Twenty-four Hours **1.30** Sportsworld **1.45** Folk in Britain **2.00** Outlook **2.45** Write On... **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** World News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** English by Radio **4.45** Londres Soir **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** Programmes in German **7.00** Outlook **7.30** Stock Market Report **7.45** Here's Humphi **8.00** World News **8.09** Twenty-four Hours **9.30** Assignment **9.00** News Summary **9.01** Sportsworld **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** World News **10.09** The World Today **10.25** Book Choice **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** Seven Seas **11.30** Irving Berling Among Friends **11.40** The Farming World **12.00** World News **12.09** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Music Now **1.00** News Summary **1.01** Outlook **1.30** Folk in Britain **1.45** Talking From... **2.00** World News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** Sportsworld **2.30** Citizens **3.00** World News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** The World Today **3.30** Six Four Eight News **3.35** Financial News **3.45** Morgenmagazin **4.45** The World Today **5.00** World News and Twenty Four Hours **5.30** Londres Matin.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather followed by News headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Copland (El Salon Mexico: Detroit SO under Antal Dorati); Joplin arr Periman (Bethena: Itzhak Perlman, violin, Andre Previn, piano); Lewis (That Slavic Smile: Modern Jazz Quartet)
7.30 News
7.35 Dvorak (Prague Waltzes: Detroit SO under Antal Dorati); Schubert (Piano Trio in B flat: Beaux Arts Trio); C Stamitz (Concerto in G: Aurele Nicolet, flute, Heinz Holliger, oboe, Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Sillito); Liszt (Symphonic poem: Mazeppa: Berlin PO under von Karajan)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Boccherini. String Quintets, in G minor and in D: Esterhazy Quartet with Richte van der Meer (cello); Guitar Quintet in E with Pepe Romero (guitar) and the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields Chamber Ensemble
9.35 Avant-Garde Keyboard Music: Ian Lake plays Soler's Sonata in D; Haydn's Sonata in C; Novelette in F, Op 21 No 1 by Schumann; Three Sarabandes by Satie and Messiaen's Le Traquet rieur
10.20 Mozart and English String Quartets: the Coull String Quartet play Mozart's Quartet in B flat and Britten's Quartet No 3
11.05 Strauss Songs: Die Georgine; Ach weh, mir unglückhaften Mann; Nichts; Heimliche Aufforderung with Theo Adam (bass) and Wolfgang Sawallisch (piano)
11.20 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under George Hurst, with Ronan O'Hora (piano) play Weber's Overture: Oberon, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4 in G and the Symphony No 2 in D by Brahms. Includes interval reading of extracts from Nora by Brenda Maddox, read by Elaine Padmore
1.00 News
1.05 Manchester Summer Recital, live from Studio 7, Manchester: Alexander Baillie (cello) and Michael Dussek (piano) play the Sonata in D minor by Bridge and the Sonata No 1 by Martinu
2.05 Paul Bunyan: operetta in two acts and a prologue, music by Benjamin Britten, libretto by W H Auden. Premiere recording of Britten's first stage work, based on the American folk legend of a giant lumberjack who clears the forests to prepare for civilisation. With Pop Wagner (barnone) as the Narrator, James Lawless as Paul Bunyan (spoken role) and the Chorus and Orchestra of the Plymouth Music Series under Philip Brunelle
4.00 Michele Campanella (piano) plays Liszt: Fantasia and Fugue on BACH; Sonata in B minor and the Mephisto Waltz No 1
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: presented by Andrew Keener
6.25 Bandstand: Howard Cable's Scottish Rhapsody, Warren Barker's Concerto for cornet, fugel horn and trumpet, and Percy Fletcher's The Spirit of Pageantry played by the Band of the Scots Guards under Director of Music Major Donald Carson
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Michael Hall discusses the broadcasting of music on television, with Humphrey Burton and Bayan Northcott
7.30 French National Orchestra: with Bruno Leonardo Gelber, piano, under Lorin Maazel, play Ravel's Alborada del gracioso, Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, Piano Concerto in G by Ravel and An American in Paris by Gershwin. Includes interval reading, by Elaine Padmore, of extracts from Nora by Brenda Maddox
8.45 Elisabeth Schumann: An assessment of Schumann (born June 13, 1888) as performer and teacher, presented by Michael Oliver, with contributions from her son Gerd Puritz, and BBC Sound Archive recordings of Schumann herself
9.30 Cherubini: String Quartet No 2 in C by the Lindsay String Quartet
10.05 Music in Our Time: from the 1988 Almeida Festival. Schnittke's Der Sonnengesang (first performance) and Concerto for Mixed Chorus (first UK performance) by the New London Chamber Choir and Ensemble under James Wood
11.00 Composers of the Week: Delius: Norway (Sleigh Ride; Twilight Fancies — Songs from the Norwegian; The Song of the High Hills; Eventyr — Once Upon a Time (r)
12.00 News **12.05** Closedown

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES:** 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today **6.35-7.00** News followed by Neighbours **8.00-8.30** The BBC Diet Programme **11.50-11.55** News and weather **SCOTLAND:** 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman **5.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **11.50-11.55** Weather **NORTHERN IRELAND:** 5.35pm Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35** Neighbours **6.58-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **6.30-9.00** Spotlight **ENGLAND:** 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except:12.00-12.30pm This is My Dog **1.20-1.30** News **5.00-6.30** About Anglia **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** Pictures in Mind **11.05** Breaking the Habit **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.30am** Film: Miranda **2.00** WKRP in Cincinnati **2.30** Film: Lady in the Fog **4.00** America's Top Ten **4.30-5.00** Survival

BORDER As London except:12.00-12.20pm Survival of the Fittest **1.20** News **1.30-2.00** Charlie's Angels **3.00** Gardening Time **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.00-6.30** Lookaround **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** Kojak **11.30** Breaking the Habit **12.00** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:12.00noon Survival of the Fittest **12.30pm** Home Cookery **12.38-1.00** Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Charlie's Angels **6.00-6.30** News **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** Central Lobby **11.05** Breaking the Habit **11.35** Crime Story **12.30am** Bullseye **1.00** Film: Tom Horn **2.50** Twilight Zone **3.15** Moulin Rouge **4.15-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:12.00-12.30pm Something to Treasure **1.20** News **1.30** Anything Goes **2.00** Country Practice **2.30** Take The High Road **3.00-3.30** Chain Letters **6.00-6.30** Channel Report **7.30-8.00** Who's The Boss? **10.35** Art Beat **11.05-11.35** Video Jukebox **12.05am** Maintaining the Small Garden **12.10** U.F.O. **1.10** Sports Action **2.15** Taxi **2.50** America's Top Ten **3.20** Company **3.25** Agenda **4.00** Cover Story **4.30-5.00** Just Williams.

GRAMPIAN As London except:12.00-12.30pm California Highway **1.20-1.30** News **3.00-3.30** Connections **6.00** North Tonight **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** America's Top Ten **11.05** Crann Tara **11.35** Breaking the Habit **12.35am** Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:12.00-12.20pm Survival **1.20** Granada Reports **1.30-2.30** Country Practice **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.00-5.30** Granada Reports **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** Celebration **11.30** Breaking the Habit **12.00** Quiz Night **12.30am** Film: Tom Horn **2.20** Ice Hockey **3.20** Rock of Europe **4.20-5.00** Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except:12.00-12.30pm Easy Street **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Country Practice **6.00-6.30** News **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** Facing West **11.05** Weekend Outlook **11.10** Breaking the Habit **11.40** Film: Dracula Has Risen From the Grave **1.25am** Glastonbury Festival **2.25** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six **10.35** Cross Talk **11.05** Breaking the Habit **11.35** Dracula Season **1.20am-2.20** Glastonbury Festival.

SCOTTISH As London except:12.00-12.30pm Survival **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Country Practice **3.00** People with a Passion **3.30-4.00** Revelations **6.00-6.30** Scotland Today **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** Scottish Questions **11.20** Magnum **12.20am** Late Call **12.25** Scottish Picture Show **12.30** Film: Tom Horn **2.20** Sportsworld Special **3.20** Rock of Europe **4.20-5.00** Jobfinder.

TSW As London except:12.00-12.30pm Cover Story **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Charlie's Angels **6.00-6.30** Today **7.30-8.00** Who's the Boss? **10.35** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **11.35** Breaking the Habit **12.05am** Starring the Actors **12.35** Postscript. Closedown.

TVS As London except:12.00-12.30pm Something to Treasure **1.20** News **1.30** Anything Goes **2.00** Country Practice **2.30** Take the High Road **3.00-3.30** Chain Letters **6.00-6.30** Coast to Coast **7.30-8.00** Who's the Boss? **10.35** Artbeat **11.05** Agenda **11.35** Breaking the Habit **12.05am** Employment Action! **12.10am** UFO **1.10** Sports Action **2.15** Taxi **2.50** America's Top Ten **3.25** Agenda **4.00** Cover Story **4.30-5.00** Just Williams.

TYNE TEES As London except:12.00 Short Story Theatre **1.20-1.30** News **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **11.30** Breaking the Habit **12.00** Epilogue **12.10am-5.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except:12.00-12.30pm Pro-Am Bowls **1.20** People with a Passion **2.00-2.30** History of Grand Prix **3.30-4.00** Password **6.00** Summer Edition **6.30-6.30** Police Six **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** The Year Was....1979 **11.05-11.35** Mary **12.05am** Horse Sense **12.30** Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.00 Who's the Boss? **12.30pm-1.00** Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30-2.30** Country Practice **6.00-6.30** Calendar **7.30-8.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet **10.35** Hunter **11.30** Breaking the Habit **12.05am** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **12.30am** Film: Term of Trial **2.30** Easy Street **3.00** Music Box **4.00-5.00** Jobfinder.

S4C Starts:9.30am Schools **12.00** Countdown **12.30pm** Business Daily **1.00** Open College **2.00** Parliament Programme **2.30** Film: My Favourite Spy **4.15** Ffalabalam **4.30** Am Ras **5.00** Family Ties **5.30** I Dream of Jeannie **6.00** Brookside **6.30** Go Fishing **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Cattle! **8.00** Fferrio **8.35** Dinas **9.05** Fideo 9 **9.45** Masterworks **10.00** A Very British Coup **11.00** Monkey's Paw **11.40** Film: Tystnaden (The Silence)* **1.30am** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts:4.10pm Emmerdale Farm **4.35** Bosco **5.05** Campbells **5.30** Sean the Leprechaun **5.45** News **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Newstime **6.20** Garda Patrol **6.30** Just William **7.00** To the Waters and the Wild **7.30** Priest with a Camera **8.00** Starbuck **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Yes, Prime Minister **10.40** Landmark **11.10** Bookside **11.40** News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts:1.55pm Tennis **7.30** Family Ties **8.00** Nuacht **8.10** That's My Boy **8.40** Mart and Pops **9.35** Cutting Edge **10.00** Barbion Hot Jazz **10.30** Newsnight **10.50** Falcon Crest **11.45** Nightlight. Closedown.

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast
6.00 News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Face the Facts: John Waite and his team of investigators pursue your complaints
9.30 About Face: First of three programmes in which Peter Evans looks on as scientists examine the human face
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: a small herb garden in the grounds of a Cambridge college contains more than 60 species known to have been used by the Anglo-Saxons. Jessica Holm and Fergus Keeling investigate the possible uses of these herbs
10.45 An Act of Worship (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens (s)
11.25 Carvel in Conversation: Robert Carvel talks to Lady Elliot of Harwood, distinguished leading lady of the Lords
11.50 Lay-Bys: Roy Noble looks fondly at three pull-ins of life's journey which became more than casual stops. 2: Tenby
12.00 News; You and Yours: with John Howard
12.25 Just a Minute: Nicholas Parsons chairs the game of hesitation, deviation and repetition, played by Clement Freud, Peter Johns, Derek Nimmo and Kenneth Williams (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: includes an interview with the Reverend Elsie Chamberlaine, a Congregationalist minister and the first woman to have conducted the BBC's Daily Service; a discussion on childhood slavery around the world; a description of a family trek through Africa, and a look at schemes for more parental involvement in primary schools
3.00 News; Spitfire: Play by Martyn Read. World War Two seems a long way away when you live in rural Berkshire, but for a teenage girl whose nickname is Spitfire, a series of events bring the war very much closer to home (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde looks at the art of the biographer and talks to Margaret Forster who has just published a biography of Elizabeth Barrett Browning
4.35 Kaleidoscope
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Broadcast **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; Financial Report
6.30 Brain of Britain 1988: Robert Robinson chairs the nationwide general knowledge quiz (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers: An opportunity to raise some of the subjects tackled in last week's Any Questions. Introduced by Brian Gear
7.30 Pillars of Society: British Institutions. Lesley Abdela investigates the Women's Institute — the largest women's organisation in Britain (See Choice) (r)
8.15 Analysis: A Quieter Sort of Revolution. An examination of Mexico's political and economic future, as the government of the Institutional Revolutionary Party strives to deal with the effects of the debt crisis which, in 1982, put a question-mark over an otherwise successful era
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? For disabled listeners and their families
9.30 Andy Kershaw goes exploring in the BBC Sound Archives (r)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: includes a review of the new Paul Hogan film, Crocodile Dundee 2
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: My Wildest Dream by Leslie Thomas (4 of 12)
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10am** Open University: **11.30** Arts Review **11.50** Renaissance Decorative Arts

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RADIO CHOICE



Lesley Abdela looks at the image of the WI (R4, 7.30)

● For years a Women's Institute guest speaker, now a WI convert herself, Lesley Abdela has all the right outsider/insider qualifications to present Pillars of Society (Radio 4, 7.30pm). When she substitutes "from current affairs to currant buns" for "jam and Jerusalem", my gut reaction is to recognize her image of the WI as not only more complimentary to the WI but more accurate. I suspect, though, she is being more whimsical than seriously proselytizing when she says, apropos of the WI's wartime fruit-preserving exploits, that if the WI had been an all-male organization, Cecil B De Mille would have made a movie of it. With its 347,000 members, £1 million annual budget, own training college and more than 500 markets with a £7 million turnover, I would say there is little danger of WI Woman becoming Neanderthal Man, although this fear is expressed tonight in relation to the possible need for the WI to update its image. More relevant is whether, politically, the WI should stop being a sleeping giant as Claire Rayner says it should, or whether it should be content to remain a gentle giant, as most WI members seem to think it should.

Peter Davalle

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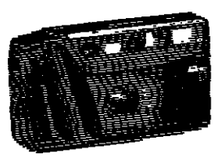
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Epic opera in the heart of Earls Court



Grand opera: the soprano Grace Bumbry, surrounded by members of the cast of *Aida*, on the huge Egyptian set at Earls Court during rehearsals yesterday. (Photographs: Graham Wood)

By Andrew Billen

The soprano who on Sunday will take the title role in *Aida*, the largest scale opera production yet seen in Britain, was yesterday nursing a twin attack of tonsillitis and hay fever.

Miss Grace Bumbry, the American singer, is taking penicillin and nasal spray but believes the worst of the throat infection is behind her.

Resting in her prefab dressing room at Earls Court, she said: "My nose may run like the Nile but as long as my throat is clear I don't care.

"Even if I have to miss a couple of rehearsals, I will be there on Sunday." So far, 100,000 of the 110,00 £20 and £25 tickets for the seven performances of Verdi's Egyptian spectacular have been sold.

With sponsorship too, its £1.5 million costs have already been met and the operation is coasting into profit for the organizers, Mr Harvey Goldsmith, the rock promotor, Mr Victor Hochhauser, the classical impressario, and Mr Mark McCormack, of the the International Management Group.

No one, however, is pretending that turning Earls Court Arena into an opera house fit for the London Symphony Orchestra, the Ambrosian Opera Chorus and the London City Ballet, has been easy.

As the last nails were hammered into the giant gold pyramid set, covering a quarter of the auditorium, Mr Vittorio Rossi, the director, described his excitement as almost sexual.

Having first presented *Aida* at Verona in 1981, before taking it to Paris and Zurich, he said: "Bringing this to London I feel revolutionary. It is an event that should open a new destiny for the theatre."

Unlike the famous productions abroad that have incorporated animal menageries — 300 horses at Luxor by the Pyramids and squabbling tigers in Los Angeles — London's *Aida* cast is all human.

Mr Rossi, who has gone back to Verdi's original stage notes in his pursuit of fidelity, says animals would be nonsense. "Verdi never went to Egypt — he invented Egypt. How can I now put a real animal into an invented Egypt?"

He is much more excited by bringing "scenic space" into line with musical time.

"When the soldiers enter for their triumphal entry the music goes on for two minutes. In past productions they have had to march on and march off or else go round in a circle in a ridiculous carousel.

"Here it will take them two minutes to cross the stage."

For Miss Katy Goldman, aged 23 and straight out of drama school, *Aida* is her first professional engagement.

She said: "I never thought my debut would be in front of 15,000 people".



Miss Bumbry with Mr Vittorio Rossi, the director of *Aida*.

Commons sketch

Is this a scourge I see before me?

Question: What does a scourge do? Answer: It sweeps the country. In the catechism of the backbench Tory, a fresh scourge of one thing or another sweeps the country every couple of days.

Mr Geoffrey Dickens is the most noted scourgepiracy theorist. Every morning, as he tumbles out of bed and draws back the curtains, *something new* and awful catches his eye. Down in the Dickens garden, the beasties are ever at play. Recently, he has sighted witches, and before them child molesters, and, only a day or two ago, plagues of locusts. They are all, of course, dead on course to "sweep the country".

Though Mr Dickens, vast, common and creepy, is the most obviously grotesque of the scourgepiracy theorists, he is not alone. Rather, he is the carved ghoul on a packed trunk of populist Conservative fearaticians. Somewhere in this grisly caseload lies Mr Tony Favell (Cons, Stockport), who, perhaps unduly affected by standing in the 1979 General Election against The Beast of Bolsover, tends to see a scourge behind every hedge.

During Environment Questions, Mr Favell announced that graffiti was a "scourge sweeping the country". Since Tories never feel that anything really exists until it can be proved to cost millions of pounds, he began to count the cost. The graffiti scourge had cost "Birmingham Buses alone" two million pounds, and was costing the rest of the country a clear one and a half thousand million pounds. Quite how he had totted it all up, he did not let on, but his figures went down a bomb with fellow backbenchers. It was time for the law to "take its gloves off", boomed Mr Favell. This type of speech always ends with a call to ban something or other. Sure enough, Mr Favell called for a ban on the sale of all aerosols to the under-16s.

In this comprehensive and diligently researched roundup of the Parliamentary fearaticians, it would be unfair not to mention Mr Joe Ashton. Mr Ashton is a Labour member of the straight-talking, never-did-me-any-harm, voice-of-common-sense school of politicians, a sort of Geoffrey Dickens who found himself placed on the left rather than the right when the gnarled and jittery hand of politics was dealing its *tuppenny-ha'penny* deck. He likes to think that he talks nitty-gritty, though skilled observers detect in his speeches rather more of the nitty than of the gritty.

As might have been expected, Mr Ashton had a thing or two to say on the subject of graffiti. He claimed that just as laws to make citizens sign for garden poisons had "cut down on murderers", so a law to make them sign for spray paint would cut down on graffiti. Under an Ashton regime, it is quite possible that *everything* would be signed for: rope, to cut down on strangling, telephones, to cut down on obscene calls, water, to cut down on murder-by-drowning, and so on. But Mr Nicholas Winterton did not think that Mr Ashton went nearly far enough.

Whenever Mr Winterton sees a bend, he goes round it. He is certainly not quite mad, but he is already barking. "Ruff! Ruff! Ruff!" goes his voice, while his face grows steadily redder and redder. Nothing for Mr Winterton is ever quite acceptable. Indeed, everything is "quite unacceptable". It was, he thought, "quite unacceptable that retail outlets accept no responsibility for what they sell". Warming to his subject, he demanded "a bit of hard labour" for offenders, and, his bark growing louder and louder, he wanted to see these youths forced to "remove what they have done to DESECRATE THE COMMUNITY!!!"

Mr Merlyn Rees seemed an unlikely fellow to be caught mixing with this rabble of spray-speakers. It was rather as if King Lear had been snapped whooping it up with a bevy of drunken can-can girls. Mr Rees said that he wished to point out that the underpasses of Elephant and Castle were "indescribable" as they were "smothered in graffiti". With such distress being caused even to the sane by this terrible muck, it is most surely time for all Mr Geoffrey Dickens's witches to pick up their brooms and join forces to sweep the country.

Craig Brown

Kinnock wins the day on challenges

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock's attempt to limit poorly-supported challenges to the Labour leadership was backed by the ruling national executive committee yesterday.

However, the Labour leader's regular large majority on the NEC was cut as several of his allies called for further study of the proposal, which would require future contenders to be nominated by 20 per cent of Labour MPs before forcing a contest, compared with the present 5 per cent needed to nominate a contender. The move is seen as an attempt to prevent repetitions of the leadership challenge now being mounted by Mr Tony Benn.

Mr Kinnock won the day by 16 votes to 11 but Labour left wingers claimed the result was a sign that Mr Kinnock was losing his grip on the NEC.

Among those voting against were natural Kinnock allies like Mr David Blunkett, Mr Michael Meacher and Mr Sam McCluskie, leader of the National Union of Seamen. Mr Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, said: "It was one of the biggest votes against the leadership for some considerable time."

But it emerged later that some of those supporting the attempt to refer the issue back for further study did so because they felt the present proposal was not tough enough. Mr McCluskie wanted to limit challenges to no more than one a parliament.

Both Mr Meacher and Mr Blunkett supported the principle of the change, but felt that the proportion of 20 per cent was too high.

Mr Skinner described the change as "dangerous and authoritarian." Mr Tony Benn said: "I suppose it is significant that the first time the election mechanism has been used they want to change the rules."

Britain urged to put envoy in Iran embassy

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they have achieved exactly what they set out to do."

The trip, paid for partly by a British charity and partly by the Iranian Government, was to have been kept secret until after the delegation's arrival in Tehran on Monday, but word leaked out last Friday, infuriating the group's Iranian hosts. It was the first visit by parliamentarians since London expelled all but one of Iran's diplomats in Britain, and withdrew all its envoys from Tehran, following a row over the arrest of the Iranian Consul in Manchester and the beating-up of a British diplomat in Tehran.

One of the delegation, Mr Cyril Townsend, Conservative MP for Bexleyheath, said he believed the timing of the visit was "rather good. Since about February, the pragmatists in Tehran have been looking for chances to patch up the quarrel", he said.

He rejected suggestions that Britain should not be on speaking terms with Tehran. "Every other European country, including France, now has a diplomatic team in Iran," Mr Townsend noted.

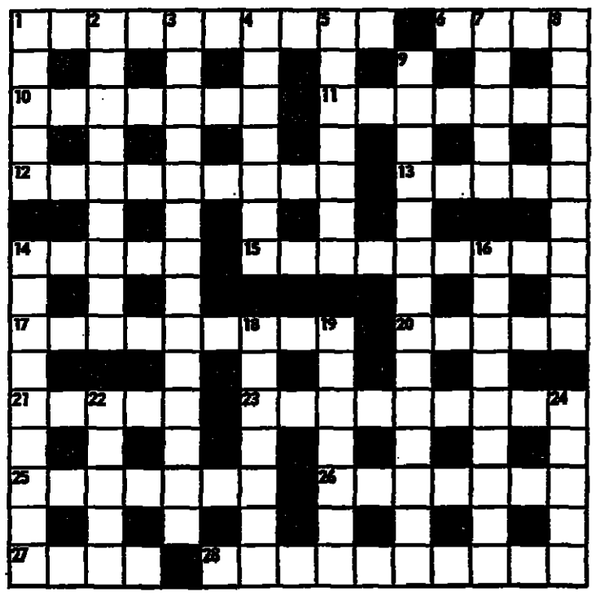
"I believe that we have played a small part in putting this relationship on a better basis. I think it is obvious that we ought to have a British diplomat living in that rather large embassy."

Although the delegation had not yet prepared their recommendations to the Government, the three other members, Mr Tom Clarke (Labour), Mr Robert Hicks (Conservative) and Lord Tordoff (SLD) supported this suggestion.

Mr Clarke said: "We raised the matter of the hostages time after time, name after name. (But) there was no discussion of a timetable (for their release) because we were given no assurances."

But Mr John Lyttle, the archbishop's senior information officer, who organized and also went on the trip, said that they understood that Tehran would use its sway with groups holding hostages in Beirut.

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ACROSS

1 Monkey's chasing boy, an impudent fellow (10).
6 What the dying Hotspur's time must have (at the end of his sentence?) (4).
10 State hand-out enjoyed by the old clergyman? (7).
11 This Tommy I heard is a detective (7).
12 No hunter caught out with this weapon (9).
13 Flier made lunar landing (5).
14 Change of air? First question for one in Baghdad (5).
15 Is this confection somewhat near the bone? (9).
17 Grim situation here on board (9).
20 Located — by eye, say? (5).
21 Allow entry to technology establishment after notice (5).
23 Thor's hammer the prototype of this missile? (9).
25 Lines of litter scattered round the ring (7).
26 Caber is tossed in an old Italian city (7).
27 In the air he apparently can't fly, this bird (4).
28 Goes in for proverbially profitable commercial activity (10).

DOWN

1 Both ends lost after pointed attack put on by highlander at the front (5).
2 Clause not amended in Roman magistrate's office (9).
3 How a friend signs off nicely at tea perhaps? (14).
4 Player inserts key in a lock (7).
5 Wipe out, quietly, African antelope turning up in the river (7).
7 Insect soaring about with sharp ringing sound (5).
8 Introduced one now in charge of publication (9).
9 It is held up by sundry eastern men in the way of musical entertainment (14).
14 On the spot when ten trains crashed (9).
16 How a great 4 affects us when making one of these (9).
18 Went round with it in a gold couch (7).
19 Distress at losing a hundred kopecks (7).
22 Hampton Court feature includes one serial, we hear (5).
24 Pot concealing a snake? (5).

Concise crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the *language jungle*. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

PRIOPONIC
a. A kind of fermentation
b. Sexually aroused
c. Shopping for groceries

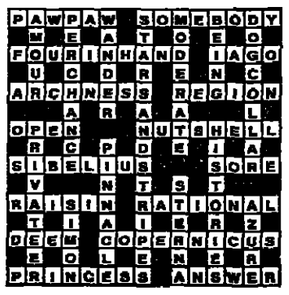
CATAPLASM
a. A ballistic siege engine
b. An inundation
c. A poultice

NESH
a. A deep-sea trawl
b. Soft and wet
c. To link up with

DEORSUMVERSION
a. A downward motion
b. A paliadrome
c. A summary translation

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,702



WEATHER

Most of Britain will have a dry, sunny day. Northern Ireland and the far north-west, cloudy with a little rain and some fog coastal patches. Warmer than on Tuesday and near or a little above the June average, particularly in sheltered spots and in north-east England. Outlook: dry and sunny.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.7	.01	20	68	cloudy
Bridlington	1.0	.02	21	70	cloudy
Hemsbston	0.5	-	20	68	cloudy
Cromer	0.3	.01	19	66	cloudy
Lowestoft	1.0	.02	21	70	dull
Clacton	0.9	.04	22	72	cloudy
Folkestone	4.2	-	21	70	bright
Hastings	5.0	-	19	66	bright
Brighton	4.3	-	20	68	bright
Worthing	4.3	-	21	70	sunny
Littlehmptn	4.6	-	21	70	cloudy
Bognor R	5.4	-	21	70	bright
Southsea	5.1	-	24	75	cloudy
Swnstown	8.2	-	23	73	sunny
Shanklin	6.7	-	21	70	sunny
Bournemth	7.9	-	25	77	bright
Poole	8.2	-	24	75	bright
Swanage	9.0	-	23	73	sunny
Weymouth	7.9	-	21	70	sunny
Exmouth	6.9	-	21	70	bright
Teignmouth	6.5	-	21	70	bright
Torquay	5.9	-	22	72	sunny
Falmouth	4.2	-	21	70	bright
Penzance	6.3	-	21	70	sunny
Scilly Isles	6.6	-	20	68	sunny
Newquay	5.3	-	21	70	sunny
Minehead	3.5	-	20	68	bright
Morecambe	0.3	-	17	63	cloudy
Carlisle	1.9	.01	17	63	rain
Leeds	0.8	.01	20	68	cloudy
Nottingham	0.6	-	21	70	rain
Anglesey	0.7	-	17	63	drizzle
Colwyn Bay	0.7	-	20	68	cloudy
Tenby	1.8	-	19	66	cloudy
Aberdeen	0.2	.14	18	64	rain
Aviemore	3.5	.13	18	64	shower
Eskdalemuir	0.1	.08	16	61	rain
Glasgow	1.7	.02	17	63	drizzle
Kinloss	1.5	.21	19	66	rain
Lerwick	0.4	.24	13	55	drizzle
Prestwick	1.0	.09	17	63	drizzle
Stornoway	5.2	.25	14	57	sunny
Tiree	6.5	.21	14	57	drizzle
Wick	1.0	.31	16	61	shower

These are Tuesday's figures

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	s	Majorca	32	90	s
Alcantri	27	81	t	Malaga	25	77	s
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Malta	28	82	s
Algiers	25	77	c	Melb'rne	14	57	c
Amst'dam	16	61	s	Mexico C*	18	64	c
Athens	28	82	f	Miami*	30	86	f
Bahrain	35	95	s	Milan	27	81	f
Barbados*	30	86	s	Montreal*	26	79	s
Barcelna	25	77	c	Moscow	25	77	r
Belgrade	23	73	f	Munich	17	63	r
Berlin	20	68	c	Naples	27	81	s
Bermuda*	30	86	f	N Delhi	32	90	f
Biarritz	20	68	s	N York*	32	90	s
Borde'x	27	81	s	Nice	24	75	s
Brussels	16	61	c	Oslo	25	77	s
Budapst	23	73	s	Paris	24	75	f
B Aires*	19	66	s	Peking	24	75	c
Cairo	32	90	s	Perth	20	68	s
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Prague	20	68	s
C'blence	23	73	f	Reykjvik	8	46	c
Chicago*	36	97	s	Rhodes	26	79	s
Ch'church	8	46	s	Rio de J	21	70	s
Cologne	17	63	c	Riyadh	42	108	s
C'phagn	17	63	c	Rome	25	77	s
Corfu	28	82	s	Salzburg	19	66	s
Dublin	18	64	s	S Frisco*	21	70	s
Dubrovnik	24	75	s	Santiago*	17	63	s
Faro	28	79	f	S Paulo*	22	72	f
Florence	29	84	s	Seoul	29	84	f
Frankfurt	21	70	c	Sing'por	28	82	t
Funchal	20	68	c	St Helena	18	64	c
Geneva	24	75	s	Straits'rg	24	75	f
Gibraltar	22	72	f	Sydney	15	59	s
Helsinki	24	75	s	Tangier	22	72	c
Hong K	31	88	c	Tenerife	24	75	f
Innsbruck	20	68	c	Tokyo	25	77	s
Istanbul	20	68	f	Toronto*	29	84	s
Jo'burg*	17	63	s	Tunis	29	84	s
Karachi	35	95	f	Valencia	27	81	f
L Palmas	25	77	f	Vanc'ver*	18	66	c
Le Touqt	17	63	c	Venice	25	77	s

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.40	5.9	8.48	5.7
Aberdeen	8.10	3.4	9.8	3.2
Avonmouth	1.21	10.3	1.55	9.8
Belfast	6.04	3.0	6.44	2.7
Cardiff	1.06	9.7	1.40	9.2
Devonport	—	—	12.22	4.3
Dover	8.04	5.2	8.25	5.5
Falmouth	11.52	4.1	—	—
Glasgow	8.59	3.2	9.05	3.7
Harwich	6.29	3.3	6.57	3.3
Holyhead	5.09	4.5	5.58	4.3
Hull	12.58	5.8	1.14	5.9
Ilfracombe	12.29	7.1	12.54	6.8
Leith	9.31	4.5	10.07	4.4
Liverpool	5.55	7.5	6.34	7.3
Lowestoft	4.59	2.0	4.24	2.1
Margate	6.51	3.9	7.05	3.9
Milford Haven	12.40	5.4	1.14	5.2
Newquay	—	—	12.14	5.3
Oban	12.27	3.1	1.26	2.9
Penzance	11.39	4.3	11.57	4.5
Portland	12.37	1.4	1.31	1.3
Portsmouth	6.06	3.7	6.51	3.9
Shoreham	5.51	4.6	6.28	4.9
Southampton	5.48	3.6	6.34	3.7
Swansea	12.49	7.4	1.21	7.2
Tees	10.41	4.4	11.31	4.1
W'ton-on-Nze	6.30	3.5	6.42	3.5

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.28ft. Times are BST

THE POUND

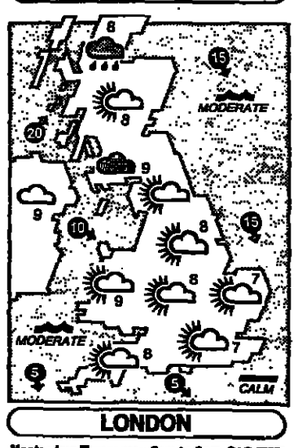
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.265	2.135
Austria Sch	23.00	21.80
Belgium Fr	68.60	65.20
Canada $	2.24	2.12
Denmark Kr	12.38	11.78
Finland Mkk	7.71	7.31
France Fr	10.96	10.41
Germany Dm	3.255	3.095
Greece Dr	257	243
Hong Kong $	14.30	13.55
Ireland Pt	1.214*	1.154
Italy Lira	2415	2295
Japan Yen	236	224
Netherlands Gld	3.655	3.485
Norway Kr	11.79	11.19
Portugal Esc	264	251
South Africa Rd	4.60	4.10
Spain Pta	215	204
Sweden Kr	11.29	10.74
Switzerland Fr	2.705	2.575
USA $	1.85	1.76
Yugoslavia Dnr	4150	3350

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

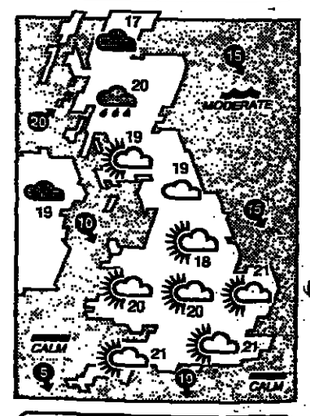
Retail Price Index: 106.2 (May)

London: The *FT* index closed up 14.9 at 1985.6.

AM



PM



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 21C (70F); min 6pm to 6am,13C (55F). Humidity: 6pm, 43 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.7 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1026.4 millibars, falling (1,000 millibars=29.53in).

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am,9C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.4 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.52 pm to 4.14 am
Bristol 10.01 pm to 4.24 am
Edinburgh 10.33 pm to 3.57 am
Manchester 10.12 pm to 4.10 am
Penzance 10.06 pm to 4.43 am

TOWER BRIDGE

Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 9.25am and 4.30pm

POLLEN COUNT

The pollen count for London and the South-east issued by the Asthma Research Council at 10 am yesterday was 117 (very high) Forecast for today, high For the next 24 hours call National Pollen and Hay Fever Bureau: 0898 500431.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

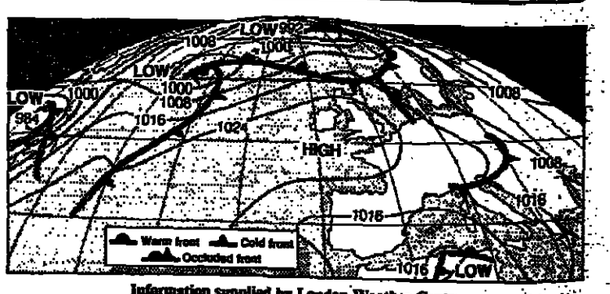
	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	18	64	s	Guernsey	17	63	s
B'mnghm	17	63	s	Inverness	16	61	c
Blackpool	16	61	s	Jersey	19	66	s
Bristol	18	64	s	London	19	66	f
Cardiff	19	66	s	M'chester	16	61	f
Edinburgh	15	59	c	Newcastle	16	61	r
Glasgow	15	59	c	N'ieldaway	15	59	s

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Southampton, 25C (77F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 13C (55F); highest rainfall: Diabaig, Highlands, 0.43 in; highest sunshine: Jersey, Channel Isles, 13.5 hr.

Sun rises: 4.44 am — Sun sets: 9.22 pm
Moon sets: 12.57 am — Moon rises: 2.25 pm
Full Moon June 29

NOON TODAY



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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1496.5 (+14.9)	US dollar 1.7710 (–0.0145)
FT-SE 100 1879.3 (+19.2)	W German mark 3.1453 (+0.0073)
USM (Datastream) 160.45 (+0.57)	Trade-weighted 76.5 (same)

THE TIMES

THURSDAY JUNE 23 1988

PART 2

BUSINESS AND FINANCE 25-31
SPORT 42-46

Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Sangsters sell motor business

The Sangster family, which last year sold its Vernons pools business for £90 million, has now disposed of its motor business. Gordons (Stockport), for £10.6 million in cash.

Gordons, which is owned by a Sangster trust, has four Ford main dealerships and a couple of Iveco/Ford franchises in the North-west.

The buyer is The Keep Trust, which has finally found a home for the bulk of the £12 million injected by Dr Tony O'Reilly's Fitzwilton group last year in return for a 30 per cent equity stake.

Pittard dive

Shares of Pittard Garnar, the leather group, fell 31p to 146p yesterday following the board's warning that continuing adverse trading conditions will have a substantial impact on results for the six months to end-June. The board, however, expects to maintain the dividend at 5.9p for 1988.

Mining merger

CRA and North Broken Hill, the Australian mining companies, are to merge their lead/zinc mining and smelting production facilities, creating one of the largest lead/zinc and smelting groups in the world. The merged operation will have annual sales of A$1.5 billion (£681.8 million).

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2152.03 (+42.86)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average . 27860.78 (–64.79)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2703.74 (+20.09)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 260.7 (+4.1)
Sydney: AO ..... 1612.6 (+10.6)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1442.2 (+19.9)
Brussels:
General ..... n/a
Paris: CAC ..... 343.8 (same)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 469.0 (+4.4)
London:
FT–A All-Share ..... 969.90 (+9.33)
FT–"500" ..... 1058.98 (+9.42)
FT Gold Mines ..... 215.7 (–0.2)
FT Fixed Interest ..... 97.99 (–0.14)
FT Govt Secs ..... 89.15 (+0.05)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Meyer Intnl ..... 394½p (+12p)
Yorkshire Chem ..... 253p (+12p)
Lloyds ..... 307½p (+12p)
Schroders ..... 900p (+25p)
RHM ..... 398½p (+16p)
Racal ..... 340p (+12p)
Glaxo ..... 985½p (+23p)
Tex Holdings ..... 182½p (+12p)
Weir Group ..... 246½p (+14p)
GRE ..... 968p (+26p)
Reuters ..... 652p (+16p)
Lucas ..... 542½p (+15p)
Hammerson ..... 664p (+18p)
Priest Marians ..... 405p (+20p)
UK Land ..... 700p (+65p)
DRG ..... 442½p (+17p)
Dawson ..... 245½p (+27p)

FALLS:
Pittard Garnar ..... 146p (–31p)
Grainger ..... 482½p (–17p)
AC ..... 425p (–13p)
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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month interbank 9⅛-9⅛%
3-month eligible bills:9-8⅛%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 9%
Federal Funds 7⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 6.53-6.52%*
30-year bonds 101⅞-101²⁵₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7710	£: $1.7787*
£: DM3.1453	$: DM1.7682*
£: SwFr2.6078	$: SwFr1.4735*
£: FFr10.5924	$: FFr5.9845*
£: Yen227.31	$: Yen128.65*
£: Index:76.5	$: Index:95.3
ECU £0.661066	SDR £0.754398

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $449.80 pm-$448.50
close $448.75-449.25 (£253.50-254.00)
New York:
Comex $448.10-448.60*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Aug.) pm $15.35bbl ($15.26)
* Denotes latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH
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- Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: in a buoyant timber sector Hunter (02170) gained 75p; Pittard (01603) fell 27p on a profits warning; rumours of French interest took Dawson International (02695) up 26p.
- Recent additions include: Dauphin 03167; Watmough's Holdings 8¼% pref 03137; Great Southern 6.75p cum conv red pref fully paid (03172).
- Calls charged at 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak, including VAT.
- Details, page 26.

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Mercury moves into profit after investment of £550m

C&W reveals it has 2.8% stake in Racal

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Cable and Wireless, the international telecommunications group, has voluntarily disclosed a 2.8 per cent stake in Racal Electronics, which owns the Vodafone cellular radio network.

Sir Eric Sharp, C&W's chairman, said the holding was "strategic" rather than an ordinary investment, and had been built up over six months. He declined to comment on his intentions, but agreed that there could be interesting synergies if Vodafone was in the same group as Mercury, C&W's digital network.

"We would certainly like a licence to operate cellular radio," he said. Racal shares jumped a further 12p to 440p yesterday. The company has already announced plans to float off Vodafone as a separate company and has been the subject of speculation on the Stock Exchange.

C&W emphasized, however, that cellular radio would remain a small proportion of the British telecommunications market, and that Mercury was at the forefront of its ambitions. After £550 million of investment, Mercury earned its first profits around the turn of the year.

In the year to March 1988 as a whole, Mercury cut losses from £19 million to £11 million, with only £1 million coming in the second six months. Monthly turnover increased to £7 million in March, and Sir Eric said he expected it to top £100 million in the whole financial year.

He said Mercury should contribute at least 30 per cent of group profits by 1992. A further £200 million is being spent extending the fibre-optic digital network. The customer base has trebled in the past 12 months and calls multiplied sevenfold. A Mercury service is being launched today in Aberdeen, its most northerly outpost.

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Mr Gordon Owen, a C&W director, said he had "strong grounds for extreme optimism" over an Oftel review of BT's charges to Mercury for international connections, expected to be determined early in August.

C&W reported a 5 per cent rise in group pre-tax profits to £356 million for the year to end-March, on a 2 per cent rise in turnover to £932 million. But the comparison was heavily affected by currency movements, especially the fall in the Hong Kong dollar (which is tied to the US dollar) against sterling. These changes reduced sterling pre-tax profits by £49 million.

In local currency, Hong Kong Telecommunications, which provides the bulk of group profits, raised after-tax profits by 26 per cent, partly due to exceptional cuts in tax provisions. Western hemisphere trading profits, mainly from the Caribbean and the US, grew 54 per cent to £48 million (75 per cent in local currency), but profits from Middle East operations fell 41 per cent (33 per cent in local currency), due to loss of the Qatar franchise.

C&W pleased the stock market by raising its net dividend by a fifth to 6.65p per share, on a 9 per cent rise in earnings per share to 24p.

Capital spending rose to a record £424 million, all financed from the group's own resources. It will exceed £500 million this year and peak in 1989-90, Sir Eric said, as C&W expands heavily in undersea fibre-optic cables, conversion to digital switching, and satellites covering the whole of China. The British end of a new transatlantic cable will be laid near Weston-super-Mare today.

"Our business planning is five to 10 years ahead," Sir Eric said. "We have spent £1,500 million since privatization and the fruits will now begin to flow." He said return on assets had increased to 23.8 per cent, despite high investment. High margins and profit returns would continue, and the business would be increasingly protected from currency fluctuations as sterling profits grew.



Strategic investor: Sir Eric Sharp, C&W chairman, yesterday (Photograph: Nick Rogers)

Dixons loses top man to Gulliver

By Cliff Feltham

A top retailer quit his job last night to join the consortium, headed by Mr James Gulliver, which is negotiating a takeover of the troubled Harris Queensway group.

The move came as Sir Phil Harris, head of the furniture and carpets group, provoked a backlash in the City by imposing a ban, at today's annual meeting, on information to shareholders on progress of the talks.

One leading fund manager described the decision as "treating shareholders with contempt".

The prospects of the consortium reaching agreement were raised when Dixons, the high street group, announced that its deputy group managing director, Mr Eddie Dayan, was leaving to join Mr Gulliver.

Mr Dayan, aged 45, was managing director of the group's 630 Currys electrical shops until two weeks ago when his role was changed in a management reshuffle.

A Dixons spokesman said: "It is a super opportunity for him so we decided to release him immediately. When someone leaves a company like ours to join a consortium you have to assume that it is pretty serious about its intentions."

There was speculation that Mr Dayan had been promised the post of managing director of Harris Queensway if the bid was successful.

In a brief statement yesterday Harris Queensway confirmed talks were taking place with the consortium and said it was difficult to predict the outcome. It added that the two sides had imposed a two-week deadline to reach agreement, otherwise the discussions would be terminated. The statement said the board would not make further comments at today's meeting.

One fund manager said that in view of the company's poor performance and the uncertainty over its future, shareholders should be given the chance to find out what was going on.

He said: "The whole future of the company is up in the air. Shareholders get one chance a year to meet the board to find out what is going on and they are now told they will have to stay in the dark."

Mr Stewart Gilchrist, investment director of Scottish Amicable, which has a 3.5 per cent stake in Harris Queensway, said: "We took the initiative six weeks ago to urge the company to keep shareholders abreast of what is going on."

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Bank moves to tighten monetary policy

Base rate rise to fight inflation

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Bank of England signalled to the clearing banks to raise base rates from 8.5 to 9 per cent yesterday, in a deliberate tightening of monetary policy.

Although sterling was weaker against a strong dollar ahead of the Bank's move, the increase in rates was driven by concern over mounting inflationary pressures in Britain, rather than by the pound.

It confirmed that the goal of exchange rate stability takes second place, in the Government's priorities, to that of maintaining downward pressure on inflation.

But analysts said the true test of this would be the extent to which the Treasury and the Bank were prepared to let the pound rise before considering reductions in base rates to restrain it.

"It is a deliberate tightening of policy," said Mr Richard Jeffrey, director of economics at Hoare Govett, the broker. "It has taken place at a time when sterling was strong, and this is bound to put upward pressure on the pound."

After yesterday's base rate move, the Bank of England intervened modestly to hold down sterling. Even so, the pound closed three-quarters of a pfennig higher at DM3.1453, although it dropped by 1.45 cents to $1.7710 against a strong dollar. The sterling index was unchanged at 76.5.

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The strong dollar boosted Wall Street and the US bond market, and this – together with City relief that Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, was responding to inflationary worries – produced a favourable reaction.

Long gilts closed about a quarter of a point up. The FT-SE 100 index gained 19.2 points to 1,879.3, and in afternoon trading the Dow Jones industrial average was 45.88 points up at 2,155.05.

The leading building societies said they were watching the situation closely, but that yesterday's move would not trigger an immediate mortgage rate increase. Competitive pressures appear to be a constraint.

However, the gap between mortgage rates and base rates has narrowed sharply, and the building societies could find themselves under pressure to raise rates. When the Halifax cut its mortgage rate from 10.1 per cent to 9.8 per cent from April 1, the base rate was 8.5 per cent. The Abbey National reduced its mortgage rate from 10.1 to 9.75 per cent against a base rate of 8 per cent.

The Bank of England's signal to the clearing banks, shortly after noon, came when money market rates had eased and dealers had begun to look to Monday's trade figures for May as the likeliest opportunity for a base rate move. Remarks by Mr Lawson, at the end of the Toronto economic summit, had been interpreted as meaning there would be no early move.

However, the Bank of England chose its timing to maintain an element of surprise and to emphasize the deliberate nature of the move. Treasury officials said conclusions about the trade figures should not be drawn from the base rate increase.

- The Treasury has announced a review of Britain's official statistics, in response to a call by the all-party Treasury and Civil Service Committee. The review, to be led by Mr Stephen Pickford, a senior economic adviser at the Treasury, will be conducted as a Cabinet Office efficiency scrutiny.

Poor harvests restrict Salvesen to £46.6m

By Carol Ferguson

A coincidence of a poor pea harvest in Britain and undersized plums in California took the sparkle out of Christian Salvesen's performance in the year to March 31.

The two factors cost the storage and distribution group more than £4 million in profits, wiping out the benefit of a changed depreciation policy.

As a result, pre-tax profits of the group, which is a key distributor of frozen and chilled foods to Marks and Spencer, Sainsbury and Tesco, rose just 11 per cent to £46.6 million on turnover up 45 per cent to £298 million.

Earnings per share rose 11 per cent to 10.79p and the dividend was increased by 13 per cent to 4.1p net.

Sir Gerald Elliot, the chairman, said that comparisons with the year to March 1987 were complicated by the disposal of the housebuilding business for £55 million.

The group invested a record £89 million last year on new assets and acquisitions.

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Mitchell rejects Clowes money link

By Lawrence Lever

Mr David Mitchell, the accountant alleged to have received £2 million from the Gibraltar fund of Barlow Clowes said yesterday after a meeting in Geneva with the joint liquidators: "I'm clean, I have not received any money that was not due and payable."

"Half the world thinks that I am a conspirator with Peter Clowes. I was virtually thrown out of the operation in August 1986".

Mr Mitchell said that there had been a £2 million loan in his name, but that the money had been lent to James Ferguson Holdings, the parent company of Barlow Clowes. He is a former chairman of James Ferguson.

"There was a £2 million loan to me – well over a year ago. The money went to James Ferguson on a back-to-back arrangement".

Mr Mitchell said that he had been trying to distance himself from Mr Clowes since August 1986. However, inquiries by The Times at Mr Clowes's château in Bordeaux last week were referred to Mr Mitchell.

Moreover, there have been suggestions that Mr Mitchell was intending to use the château as his home. "I have been connected with that château for 10 years. He (Mr Clowes) brought it from the previous, American, owners."

Lonrho seeks court order

Lonrho and the House of Fraser, which have been engaged in a long-running feud over the Al-Fayeds' purchase of Harrods, are again going to court.

Officials yesterday said Lonrho had applied for an order requiring further disclosure from House of Fraser concerning its shareholdings in Lonrho. Lonrho claimed House of Fraser had failed to make adequate disclosure.

CBI sounds a note of disharmony

Unions seek Euro-rights for workers

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The Confederation of British Industry (CBI), a supporter of the single European market in 1992 because of the opportunities it should present for British industry, is disturbed about another side of harmonization which is fast emerging. It is one that could mean an increase to British industry costs, leaving companies at a serious disadvantage, particularly to those in West Germany.

The worry revolves around new attempts by trades unions at the European level to establish by regulation a series of "social rights" for workers throughout the Community. The expectation is that it would impose on companies policies on issues such as worker participation and information and consultation procedures.

For some companies which have not moved voluntarily to meet worker aspirations in these areas their costs could rise by as much as a half, the CBI believes.

A crucial worry is that West German companies have kept most of their competitiveness in spite of some of the heaviest worker social costs. If British companies were then saddled with the same level of social costs they would be at a clear disadvantage.

There were signs of renewed attempts by legislators in Brussels, spurred on by the trades unions, to bring in this form of harmonization by regulation, Mr John Banham, the CBI's director general, said. "The successful completion of the single European market in 1992 must bring with it new and better job opportunities, and not more rigidities imposed by legislation in the community labour market."

He was speaking after a meeting of the CBI's council, which warned such moves would damage the jobs the trade unions were seeking to protect. "We view with concern the suggestion that moving towards a freed-up product market should be linked with a more regulated and centrally directed employment market," he said.

Such changes should be left to voluntary means. "No employer wants to see lower standards – quite the reverse. If there is one lesson of the 1980s, it is that the road to more jobs, and to better quality jobs, lies in minimizing the cost and regulatory burdens imposed on firms."

The effectiveness of the voluntary approach had already been demonstrated by measures on employee involvement and health and safety, went on Mr Banham. Calling on the Commission to pursue policies to make the European labour market work as efficiently and flexibly as possible, he added: "They must eschew those policies which would hang a yoke around the necks of employers at a time when our competitors in the Pacific Basin and north America suffer from no such self-imposed handicaps."

- The CBI Council, by a narrow margin, decided United Kingdom clocks should tell the same time as those in Europe. Opponents of the idea on the council included Scottish industry representatives and the Post Office.

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Call for EEC's stock markets to show unity

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Stephen Raven, who heads the Stock Exchange's planning team on the single European market, yesterday called on Europe's leading exchanges to form a united front, to create an important force in the world securities market.

Such co-operation would provide enormous scope for developing an integrated European stock market with about 27 per cent of world market capitalization, compared with Japan's 36 per cent and the US's 34 per cent, he told a London conference on European harmonization in financial services.

While he did not anticipate a common European stock market to emerge concurrently with the single market after 1992, Mr Raven said it would be in place by the end of the century. The political and economic pressures that led to the creation of the International Stock Exchange and the Financial Services Act could now be seen working for an integrated European securities market.

But governments and regulators had to guard against over-regulation, a mistake already made in Britain, he said. He also hoped that national authorities would not try to frustrate a truly integrated European securities market.

He said there was cause for concern in Community reciprocity rules, which could lead to disputes with the US arising from American law barring banks from trading in securities.

Mr Raven said Europe also had a problem over the breadth and depth of its domestic markets. Faced with the sheer size of the US and Japanese markets, it was essential for Europe to act.

As the single market developed, more and bigger mergers were likely in Europe, making it increasingly difficult for single exchanges to provide an adequate secondary market and to distribute their product domestically, he predicted.

Mr Raven foresaw the time when there would be strong links between screen-based pricing systems in London, Paris, Brussels and other European centres, giving scope for the creation of an intermarket trading system, quoting prices for blue-chip companies such as ICI, BMW, Peugeot and KLM.

Fuller plans scrip issue

By Joe Joseph

Fuller, Smith & Turner, the London-based brewer quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, lifted pretax profits from £5.81 million to £6.75 million in the year to April 1. Turnover grew from £44.89 million to £49.05 million.

The company is planning a two-for-three scrip issue.

The profits advance was helped by higher beer volumes, the successful launch of Fuller's K2 lager and improving returns from the group's managed houses and off-licences.

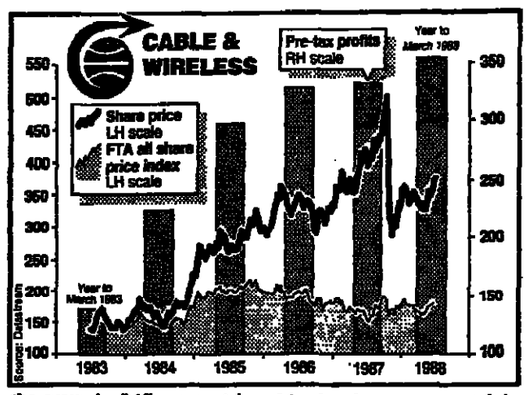
But the rise failed to match the rate of growth in the first half. A final dividend of 3.8p is being paid out of increased earnings of 29.27p (25.04p) a share. The total distribution is 6p, up from 5.1p for the previous year.

TEMPUS

Cable & Wireless wins back favour with a £356m profit

After a love affair with Cable & Wireless, the City analysts lost heart in the post-crash period. Much emphasis was given to slower growth plus political risk in Hong Kong, the change from monopoly to heavy investment in competitive new areas and jam tomorrow from Mercury.

But C&W has been winning back favour. The shares had risen 30p to 375p in three months before profit-taking yesterday morning. After an analysts' meeting, they stormed back to 379p.



There were plenty of good surprises. Pretax profits at £356 million were usefully above most forecasts and C&W has joined the welcome new trend by raising its dividend a fifth to 6.65p net. The yield is still only 2.3 per cent. But that is a declaration of intent at a time when the jam is coming more quickly than expected.

Mercury moved into profit around the end of 1987, so that a half-time loss of £10 million became only £11 million at full time. Monthly turnover rose to £7 million in March and should top £100 million in the full year. Growth remains spectacular and investment still runs at £200 million.

Sir Eric Sharp, the chairman, expects Mercury to provide at least 30 per cent of profits by 1992, which suggests that analysts' forecasts of more than £200 million then are grey rather than blue sky.

Hong Kong remains the big earner. Only "losses" from currency changes of £49 million cut the Far East contribution from 77 to 72 per cent. But the 5 per cent sterling growth in profits should not be confused with growth on the ground of 17 per cent in turnover and 26 per cent in after-tax profits, with aircraft leasing deals cutting the tax charge. Hong Kong line installations were up 12 per cent and outgoing calls by 45 per cent in the first two months of 1988-89, hardly a slowdown.

The currency play is now just as likely to benefit C&W's sterling earnings as to keep them down as the US dollar, to which the HK dollar is still tied, regains some respectability. High Hong Kong profits also allow record investment from internal cash flow.

The shares are now rated at 15.8 times earnings before extraordinary items, a premium rating for a premium company. This is now a world-scale stock and only a world-wide stock market slide is likely to knock it for long.

Charter Consolidated

Charter Consolidated is beginning to sound like a British Rail advertisement with its bi-annual cry: We're getting there. In the year ended March, the group certainly made further headway with pretax profits up by 31 per cent at £55.4 million, net earnings ahead from 29.6p to 35.8p a share and – after a miserable one-farthing increase in the interim dividend – a much fatter final payment.

In cold break-up terms Charter is an attractive animal. Of its March 31 net worth of 405p a share, its 37.8 per cent stake in Johnson Matthey accounted for 203p, its cash holdings for 108p, the Minorco stake for 46p, and the 74 per cent stake in Cape Industries for 48p.

However, Charter's shares will continue to trade at a hefty discount to net worth (yesterday there was a 27.1 per cent gap between the share price and current net worth of 480p a share) until the group is seen – or at the very least, perceived – to be more visibly active. For a group which was sitting on gross cash balances at March 31 of £188 million, the world should be its oyster.

The shares will also be hamstrung by the stragetic 36 per cent stake held by Minorco, the international financial group closely associated with Anglo American and De Beers, which itself moves in mysterious ways.

Charter's smart year-on-year profit increase owes much to continuing improvements at Johnson Matthey, which brought Charter £22.7 million at the operating level, and a stronger performance at Cape Industries.

Charter was able to improve from 14.6 per cent to 18.5 per cent the return on capital employed at its operating companies. However, the operating profits *per se* (up from £43.6 million to £49.9 million, and which on a restated equity-accounted basis now include Johnson Matthey) reflect a mixed bag.

Charter's engine will again chug forward this year and there should be more rewards to come from its Johnson Matthey holding to ensure further profits growth. The current yield of 5.5 per cent lends further support to the shares, which on income grounds and hopes of greater activity remain a hold.

Christian Salvesen

The way Christian Salvesen puts it, when it comes to storage and distribution, the balance of power has shifted decisively away from the manufacturer to the retailer. It is on this fundamental fact of business life that Christian Salvesen has based its growth, earning a fairly powerful position for itself in the process.

But, of all the markets the group operates in, it is really only true of Britain. In continental Europe especially, the distribution business is significantly less sophisticated than it is here.

WestGermany, for example, is in a similar situation to Britain half a dozen years ago. There, the manufacturer is largely responsible for storage and distribution, a highly inefficient system which usually results in queues of lorries outside the retail store, each waiting to deliver a small load. Salvesen's way is for manufacturers to deliver to its central warehouse, where it sorts by customer, delivering to the customer by the lorry-load.

The system in is even more archaic and the group is justifiably proud of having been awarded a contract for a central warehouse to serve the South of France.

Continental Europe, therefore, represents a big opportunity for the group which it plans to exploit with an aggressive programme of capital investment and acquisition.

This year, its planned capital expenditure, excluding acquisitions, is £60 million, which should leave it with gearing still under 10 per cent.

The balance sheet, therefore, gives plenty of scope for making some fairly big acquisitions.

The outlook for the current year is good. The problems in California, for which a poor fruit season was only partly to blame, have been sorted out with a change of management.

Last year's $1.5 million (£800,000) loss should be turned round to a small profit if the 50 per cent rise in bookings taken so far is anything to go by. And the omens for the pea harvest, due to begin in the next few days, are good.

Pre-tax profits should reach £55 million.

Dares in property portfolio reshuffle

Dares Estates, the property investment group, has bought the head office of Olympia and York, the developer of Canary Wharf, as part of an £80 million-plus package of deals announced yesterday.

The biggest is the Olympia and York acquisition. Dares is paying £25 million to Electricity Supply Nominees for the building in Great George Street, off Parliament Square.

It is paying £22.5 million to the Gestetner Pension Fund for a parcel of freehold and leasehold properties in the West End currently producing an annual income of nearly £1 million.

In a major reshuffle of its investment portfolio, Dares is selling properties worth £18.5 million and re-investing the proceeds with the acquisition of City House in the City, and Thomson House in Farnborough, for £13 million. And Dares is paying £7 million for the South Wales-based Hughes property development group.

Latham ahead

James Latham, the timber merchant, increased pre-tax profits from £2.07 million to £2.58 million in the year to March 31, with turnover up from £43.27 million to £53.71 million. A final dividend of 6p makes a total of 9.5p (8.25p).

Clayform bid

Clayform Properties' £89.5 million bid for Stead & Simpson, the shoe retailer, has been extended until July 1. Clayform currently speaks for 30.02 per cent of ordinary shares and 11.16 per cent of A shares. It is offering £12 per ordinary and 125p per A share.

BWD tumbles

BWD Securities, the Yorkshire-based stockbroker floated on the Unlisted Securities Market in April, took a drop in profits from £1.29 million to £516,000 in the half-year to May 31. Commissions and fee income tumbled by £1.54 million from £2.94 million to £1.40 million.

IMI purchase

IMI, the diversified industrial group, has agreed to buy the New York-based Conax Buffalo Corporation for $33 million in cash. Conax is a leading maker of specialized temperature sensors and sealing devices for intensive service applications and extreme working environments. In 1987 Conax had sales of $17.6 million and pre-tax profits of $4.4 million.

OEM notice

Office and Electronic Machines is paying no dividend for 1987. A report on the Stock Exchange's Topic service on Tuesday wrongly showed an unchanged dividend of 8.5p a share.

Brookmount could cash in on project

By Cliff Feltham

Brookmount, the property developer, stands to make large profits from a huge building scheme in one of the most sought-after areas of the South-east.

The USM-listed company, which yesterday announced a sharp rise in profits, is playing a key part in the projected £250 million redevelopment project in Weybridge, Surrey.

"Residential development is one of the options we are looking at, but the final decision has not yet been taken and will depend on council planning considerations," said Mr Brian Craig, the chief executive.

Brookmount is a partner with Trafalgar House and British Aerospace in developing the 340-acre site, which incorporates unwanted industrial land and the Brooklands motor racing track.

The scheme would include business, residential, retail and warehousing facilities.

Brookmount reported pretax profits of £5.2 million for the year to March 31, an increase of £3 million. During the year it bought a clutch of properties from Trafalgar House – which is now a 23 per cent shareholder in the company – sharply raising the rental income.

However, Brookmount is now on the verge of selling some of the properties, such as the Ambassador House building in the City, to cash in on the demand for office accommodation.

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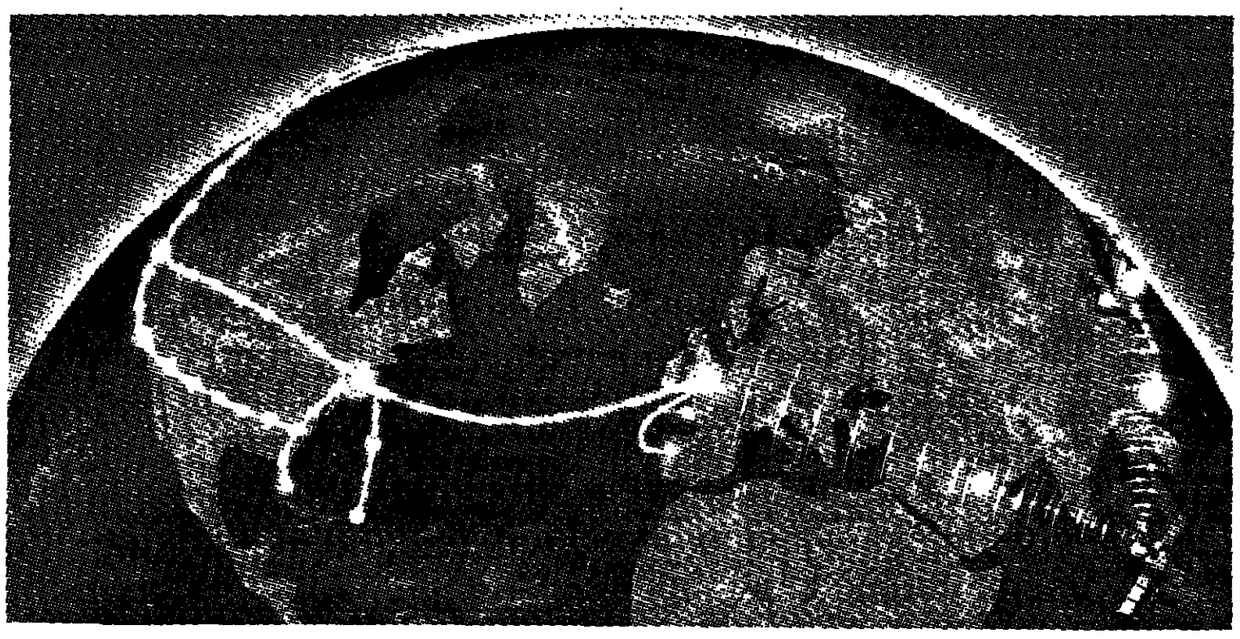
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Harrisons & Crosfield pays £83m for Magnet division

By Alexandra Jackson

Harrisons & Crosfield, the chemicals, building supplies and commodities company, has emerged as the buyer of Southerns-Evans, Magnet's timber merchanting business.

H&C is paying a net price of £83.3 million, after adjusting for borrowings, dividends and various costs. The deal will be funded primarily by a Euro-sterling issue of subordinated convertible bonds, the details of which have yet to be announced. The balance will be covered by borrowings.

The assets acquired comprise 39 outlets in this country and four in The Netherlands. Sales last year were £99.9 million and capital employed is £49.1 million. The trading profit of the assets acquired in the year to end-March was £11.5 million before central overheads, estimated to be about £2 million.

H&C is buying the business on an historic exit price/earnings ratio of around 14 times, about twice the rating of the builders' merchanting and timber group Meyer International, and several percentage points above Magnet's historic p/e ratio.

The price is considered to be high, given the essentially cyclical nature of a timber importing/wholesaling business. Magnet had put the business up for sale some months ago and received several dozen inquiries. However, it is understood that a number of potential purchasers well established in this field, such as Hillsdown Holdings and Meyer International, were not prepared to pay such a high price.

Timber and building supplies accounted for 14 per cent of H&C's trading profits in 1987. The division supplies the trade and is benefiting from the overall buoyancy of the construction market.

The northern emphasis of the Southerns-Evans branches complements H&C's existing building supplies business well, according to Mr George Paul, chief executive of Harrisons & Crosfield. The enlarged business, to be renamed Harcros, will have 137 outlets and nationwide coverage.

Magnet will continue to supply Southerns-Evans with door and joinery products from its manufacturing facility.

In the past few years Magnet has been concentrating on core activities, the manufacture and retailing of timber products. The proceeds of sales will help Magnet's store development programme. It plans to add 50 outlets this year, taking the selling space up to 1.2 million sq ft.

Mr Paul, commenting on current trading at H&C at the company's annual meeting yesterday, said: "The outlook for the remainder of 1988 is most promising, and I feel sure the shareholders will be pleased."

Magnet shares rose 3p to 240p while Harrisons & Crosfield's rose 9p to 651p.

Payout to Lloyd's names reduced

By Joe Joseph

Lloyd's 33,000 names are reassessing the outlook for their investment in the top London insurance market after suffering the first cut in their payout for several years and a sharp rise in the number of syndicates that have left their accounts open.

First figures for 1985, the latest year for which accounts are filed, show names received a reduced average cheque of £586 for £10,000 underwriting capacity against £631 in 1984. In 1985, average capacity was about £190,000 per name.

Worst hit were members of non-marine insurance syndicate number 384 run by Mr Graham Potter, chairman of the Aragorn Agencies. The syndicate's 633 names face bills of £5,861 per £10,000 share. Mr Potter has given up his position as underwriter for the syndicate amid allegations that he breached Lloyd's rules by accepting an insurance risk in 1984 but holding over the writing until 1985.

The setback, underpinned by ballooning claims on American long-tail insurance against asbestosis and environmental pollution, throws doubts on hopes that 1985 would extend the recovery in the insurance cycle and that 1986 would be a vintage year.

Mr Antony Haynes, chairman of the Association of Lloyd's Members, said: "We had expected to be on the upward curve of the insurance cycle in 1985, but we had a hiccough. A 5.9 per cent return isn't very exciting."

But he said what most worried names was the rise of 30 in the number of syndicates leaving their 1985 account open. At the end of last year, 83 syndicates had open years, with a total of 106 open years between them. Of these 14 have ceased underwriting.

"These open years are very worrying," said Mr Haynes. "It means the underwriter does not know when it will all end. Some names won't know their result for 20 years and cannot leave Lloyd's if they want to."

Of the 372 syndicates operating in 1985, with net underwriting capacity of £4.86 billion, 289 made profits, 83 made losses. Best performer was non-marine syndicate 45 run by Bankside, which gave its 199 names a net profit of £5,144 per £10,000 share.

Total profit received by names rose 20 per cent to £285 million in 1985. Their reduced cheques reflected the fact that 63 per cent of allocated capacity was written in 1985 against 78 per cent in 1984.

COMMENT

Questions Sir Philip must answer today

Sir Philip Harris duly broke his silence over a possible bid for his Harris Queensway group as exclusively forecast in these pages yesterday. It is unlikely that shareholders will find it satisfactory either in form or content. The news that he has set a two-week deadline on negotiations with a consortium headed by Mr James Gulliver is helpful, if only because it will resolve one of many uncertainties over the future of the group. But Sir Philip's decision to cite these negotiations as grounds for making no further comment at today's annual meeting of shareholders is scarcely adequate. Unless Sir Philip decides to relent and furnishes some answers today on matters of legitimate shareholder interest, yesterday's statement begins to take on the appearance of a gagging manoeuvre.

The most crucial of matters which deserve an airing at today's gathering is the existence or otherwise of the management buyout which is reputedly being assembled by Sir Philip himself. On this subject there has been no official confirmation. Long-suffering investors who backed Harris Queensway through the good times as well as the recent period of trauma are surely entitled to know whether or not there is likely to be an alternative offer should the Gulliver initiative fall before the winning post.

As recently as June 1, when shareholders received their annual report, Sir Philip pledged himself to deliver information on further developments at the earliest possible time. It is hard to see why he should not confirm that he has appointed SG Warburg, the merchant bank, to act for him in negotiations with the company's adviser, County Natwest, nor give a progress report, however brief, of the current state of those negotiations, if indeed they are proceeding.

Shareholders would also like an update on the current attitude of GUS, which is crucial to the outcome of any bid for the group. With Sir Philip's own and family shareholdings and the continuing support of GUS, with a 23 per cent stake, he is in a position to effectively block any unwelcome approach. It was widely assumed until the recent run of disastrous profits that GUS played a supportive role to Sir Philip. Recent comments from GUS indicate that its stance has shifted.

Even more central to the dilemma facing shareholders is the matter of what alternative strategies are being developed should Gulliver walk away and Sir Philip's ideas of a fair buyout price differ widely from those of the company's advisers. There is a potential nightmare here. For, if Sir Philip is unable to produce an offer which County can recommend, shareholders will be locked into a position where there is no bid and a question mark over the top management's long-term commitment to the business.

A tightening of policy

The Machiavellian explanation for the timing of yesterday's base-rate increase was that the Treasury, armed with advance knowledge of next Monday's trade figures, launched a pre-emptive strike to head off a sterling débâcle.

The true explanation, however good or bad Monday's figures turn out to be, is probably more boring. The Treasury and the Bank of England decided a few days ago that rates needed to be increased, amid increasing signs of inflationary pressure in the economy — and a new Treasury forecast that shows inflation above the Budget-time projection. Yesterday was the first convenient opportunity.

The timing requirements were two-fold. First, there had to be at least an element of surprise in the move. On Monday or Tuesday this would not have been the case. Yesterday, as money market rates eased and dealers were starting to look towards next Monday, the Bank was able to grab the initiative.

The second factor was that the Chancellor did not want to distract attention from the Toronto summit and, in particular, from his own initiative on sub-Saharan debt. If base rates had moved, the debt initiative might have had to take second place to an explanation of sterling and interest-rate policy.

Such an explanation would not have been that easy to arrive at. Until last week, the belief was of broad symmetry in policy — namely that base-rate reductions as sterling rose were being matched by increases as the pound came down. Yesterday's action takes us into rather different territory and represents an unequivocal tightening of policy.

The combination of 9 per cent base rates and sterling at DM3.15 amounts to a tighter monetary policy than we have had this year, including during the February-March sterling rise. It probably adds up to a tighter policy even than in the immediate pre-crash period of last year when, faced with similar concerns about inflationary pressures in the economy, the authorities pushed base rates up to 10 per cent, but at a far lower level for sterling.

The clear message, even though noone talks of targets or ranges for the pound, is that the authorities are now willing to tolerate a higher level for sterling than they were, although there is still a commitment to broad stability around this higher level. That was emphasized by some Bank of England intervention to restrain sterling after the base-rate rise. The one thing that was not wanted yesterday was for the pound to start shooting up to DM3.20.

Sales top £200m mark at Staveley

By Our City Staff

Staveley Industries, the minerals to electrical services group which owns British Salt, lifted pre-tax profits by 27 per cent to £18.1 million in the 53 weeks to April 2, with manufacturing being the only division to suffer a setback.

Group sales topped £200 million for the first time, reaching £205.5 million.

Mr Brian Kent, who took over as chairman last July, said the acquisition of a controlling interest in Weigh-Tronix of Minnesota and its subsequent merger with NCI, Staveley's Californian weighing machine subsidiary, continued to pay dividends.

Trading profits in the measurement division doubled to £7 million last year on sales of £49.5 million.

Improved results from mechanical and electrical services — trading profits rose from £2.7 million to £3.4 million — reflected the busy pace of activity in the South of England. The manufacturing division's trading profits slipped from £2.2 million to £1.9 million.

Although minerals continued to provide the lion's share of Staveley's income — trading profits were up £300,000 to £8.2 million — the company remains committed to diversifying away from minerals.

Earnings per share edged up from 15.97p to 16.10p despite a higher tax charge and a weaker dollar. The final dividend is being stepped up from 3.5p to 4p, making a total distribution of 5.7p.

Dashing to the defence



The Dash brand name alone is "worth more than Berkertex is offering for the whole of our group" — that was the official response yesterday of Mr Alan Philpott, the chairman of Ellis & Goldstein, to the "derisory" £28 million cash bid by Berkertex. Mr Philpott, pictured yesterday with the Ellis defence document and a model wearing Dash clothing, insists the bid "cannot be taken seriously". Shareholders will today receive a copy of the defence document, which shows profits from the 258 Dash outlets alone have grown 35 per cent a year over the past four years, and were more than £3.25 million in 1987-88. The stock market appears to agree: the share price is 116p, against the 95p cash bid.

Cash-rich Charter ready to expand

By Colin Campbell

Charter Consolidated, the mining, manufacturing and investment group, was sitting on gross cash balances of £188 million at its March 31 year-end, and yesterday reiterated that it was on the lookout for "bolt-on" acquisitions and ways to expand its geographical net.

Mr Neil Clarke, chief executive, said, however, that Charter would spend its money "wisely" rather than rapidly to ensure further growth.

The group reported pre-tax profits up from £42.2 million to £55.4 million, and raised its final dividend from 9p to 10.25p a share, making 14.5p (13p) for the year. The shares rose 2p to 350p.

Net asset value at year-end was 461p compared with 495p a share a year earlier. Latest calculations show net asset value has improved to 480p.

Charter owns Anderson Strathclyde, the Glasgow manufacturer of coal mining equipment, a 74 per cent stake in Cape Industries, various mining interests, and 37.8 per cent of Johnson Matthey.

Mr Clarke said the programme of disposing of "passive" investments was largely completed last year with the sale, for a net extraordinary profit of £12.6 million, of the 13.8 per cent stake in Malaysia Mining Corporation.

Charter earned £3.2 million compared with £6.9 million from securities trading, and reaped £8.71 million (£1 million) in net interest received. The group's cash balances exceeded borrowings by £114 million at year-end.

● Difficult export markets caused profits to slump at Anderson Strathclyde last year. Pre-tax profits fell from £6.6 million to £4.2 million, on turnover down 10 per cent to £125 million. There was no dividend.

Anderson Strathclyde is engaged in a big programme to reshape its manufacturing operations. Since 1985, capital employed has fallen from £79 million to £55 million, operating profit has risen from less than £1 million to £6.7 million, and the number of employees has fallen from more than 5,000 to 3,840.

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Congdon's debt burden

The wedding bells have, I hear, rung at last for Tim Congdon, that monetarist guru, and chief UK economist at Shearson Lehman Brothers. Tim married Dorianne Preston-Lowe last weekend at Temple Church. And in the IQ stakes at least, he has certainly met his match. His bride has masters degrees in Anthropology and Costume Design and is now studying for the bar. The best man was equally suitable — he was Professor Douglas McWilliams, chief economist for IBM UK. But showing that even such high-brow City gents know how to let their hair down with panache, his stag night is said to have ended up in the Strangers Bar at the House of Commons. But while the happy couple honeymoon in Mexico and the US, his colleagues are cooking up jokes at his expense. His recent book *The Debt Threat* warns that the debt burden could spiral alarmingly both in the industrial and the developing nations. The wags at Shearson are ready to tease him upon his return, claiming that now he is hitched, his own debt burden will also be spiralling alarmingly.

Final shot

The Prince of Wales was almost the toast of Lloyd's last night — he all but won their polo match for them at Windsor yesterday against the International Stock Exchange. He scored a goal in the last few minutes of the fifth and final chukka of the game, putting Lloyd's — which desperately wanted to win in their tercentenary year — half a goal ahead at 4. But with the very last hit of the match, Victor Law of Capel-Cure Myers scored again, bringing the final result to 4½ to 4 and making the exchange the victors for the third consecutive year. The luncheon party before the match was, I'm told, rudely interrupted by the base rate rise. As word filtered around the marquee at midday there was apparently a rush of pin-striped folk into the car park to use their car telephones. But absent from the gravel car park was the Jaguar XJS auctioned for £43,000 at the eve-of match ball. It was, I can reveal, bought back by Jaguar on the grounds that it was worth at least £50,000 on the black market.



"We're thinking of entering Tosher for next year's Queen's Award to Industry"

● With a drought threatening southern California for the second year running, some 200,000 restaurants and cafés have replaced the customary jug of water awaiting customers on each table with a card picturing a water glass, explaining the water shortage and adding: "If you would like a glass of water, just ask."

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Joining the ranks

If you cannot beat them, join them. Maureen Smith, the blonde public relations woman who hit City headlines a couple of years ago when she was censured by the Stock Exchange for selling her entire share stake in her previous company Good Relations — to ex-Lloyd's underwriter Christopher Moran — after a board room bust-up, has now added a City division to her own PR firm, The Communications Group. And to strengthen her City team she has just recruited one Anne Coleman, hitherto chief press officer at the Stock Exchange — and also once in the MoD and Number 10 press offices — as an account director.

A waste of time

During our life times, we will spend five years standing in queues, six months waiting at red lights and two years playing "telephone tag" with elusive callers. So says Michael Fortino, a time management expert and president of the US firm of Priority Management. He has just completed a study of how the average person spends his time. His findings: six years eating, one year searching for belongings amid the clutter of home or office, three years attending meetings and eight months opening junk mail. And for women at least four years doing housework. "The whole point is for people to not waste time but spend it doing what they want," says Fortino. To enable you to cut down on eating time, Fortino's researchers visited a number of Wendy's, McDonald's and Burger King outlets 100 times each. They discovered it takes an average 46 seconds for a hamburger, french fries and coke at Wendy's: a minute and a half at McDonald's and three minutes at Burger King.

Pep talk

Staff at beleaguered Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers were, I hear, given yet another pep talk yesterday in an effort to boost morale. This time it came from John McFarlane, the managing director, who apparently reconfirmed the company's commitment to the UK equity market.

Carol Leonard



Another record from Staveley

- Pre-tax profits are up 27% to £18.1 million
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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Godfrey Davis sells homes subsidiary

Godfrey Davis Holdings, the Ford main dealer and diversified services group, is selling its residential homes subsidiary, Godfrey Davis Park Homes, for £15.9 million cash to The Berkeley Leisure Group.

Loans from Godfrey Davis to Park Homes of £11.4 million and a dividend of £478,186 are also being repaid. Park Homes owns and manages 3,500 homes on 25 sites in the South of England. It had net assets of £7.6 million at the end of last year and made pre-tax profits of £1.3 million in the nine months to then.

Kewill ahead to £1.11m

Kewill Systems, the supplier of microcomputer-based production control software, boosted pre-tax profits from £685,000 to £1.11 million in the year to March 31. Turnover rose from £4.74 million to £6.57 million. Kewill's Micross system, sold mainly to manufacturers, now has more than 1,250 users. A first and final dividend of 2.2p a share is being paid.

High demand for Hi-Tec

The offer for shares in Hi-Tec Sports was 2.4 times subscribed, with 4,490 applications for the 8.73 million shares. Employee applications are being met in full, as are non-employee applications for 200 shares. Those who applied for 400 to 1,000 shares will receive 50 per cent; and for 1,500 or more, 40 per cent, up to a maximum allocation of 390,000 shares.

Health Care tops £1m

Health Care Services, the owner and manager of hospitals and nursing homes, has benefited from the increasing attention being paid to private health care, with pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 growing from £877,000 to £1.02 million. Turnover rose from £9.74 million to £12.65 million.

Swindon Private Hospital, which Health Care Services bought for £2.8 million in December, was on target for the year, but profits at Health Care's medical employment agency slipped by £20,000 to £386,000 as a result of cutbacks in the National Health Service and the cost of opening two branches at Birmingham and Northampton. Shareholders will receive a final dividend of 0.7p, making 1p in all.

44% rise at Arthur Lee

Arthur Lee & Sons, the steel and plastics group, reported record pre-tax profits of £2.74 million for the half-year to March 31 – up 44 per cent. Turnover rose by 23 per cent to £49.4 million. Mr Peter Lee, the chairman, says the company is benefiting from its capital spending with demand at a "satisfactory level". The interim dividend is 1.25p (1p).

Wilding stays on course

Wilding Office Equipment has continued the expansion that has marked its progress since joining the market in December 1986. Pre-tax profits went up from £1.02 million to £1.42 million in the half year to March 31, on turnover of £20.57 million. Wilding plans to open at least eight branches this financial year. The interim dividend is 1.6p, up 0.3p.

Engineering purchase

Haden MacLellan Holdings, the engineering group led by Mr Philip Ling, is paying up to £5.3 million for the Isovel Group, a specialist air-conditioning equipment manufacturer. An initial payment of £3.3 million, financed through a vendor placing, will be topped up by further payments of up to £2 million, depending on Isovel's profits until the end of next year.

Isovel made pre-tax profits last year of £391,000 on turnover of £8.25 million. Shareholders are being offered the chance to apply for some of the new shares, which have been provisionally placed with institutions, on the basis of one share for every 19.325 already held.

STOCK MARKET

Bid talk puts sheen on Pilkington

Talk in the market-place yesterday claimed that BTR, the cash-rich industrial conglomerate, is again flexing its financial muscles and lining up another bid for **Pilkington**, *Britain's biggest glass* manufacturer.

The stories may be wide of the mark but the suggestion was enough to put new life into the Pilkington share price which has been a dull market of late. It ended the day 11p higher at 212p as a staggering 8 *million shares changed hands.* The entire group commands a *price-tag of more than £1.5* billion.

But a spokesman for the company said: "There is no indication of a build-up of shares. But, of course, if you have to rely on the share register, it takes some time to come through. As there is no evidence of that yet, we are unable to comment."

BTR continues to hold a 3.8 per cent stake in Pilkington and is known to be on the look-out for suitable acquisitions.

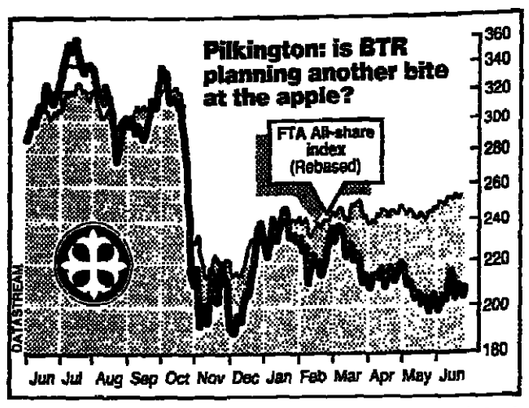
Local passions in St Helens *in Merseyside were stirred* when BTR first tried to swal*low Pilkington a couple of* years ago. BTR was finally *thwarted by a dramatic re*rating of Pilkington's shares in the City which *eventually* pushed it out of BTR's reach.

But, since then, Pilkington has met with mixed fortunes. It was badly dented by the stock market crash last October and the subsequent collapse in the dollar. The shares have since consistently underperformed the rest of the market.

Full-year figures this month made disappointing reading *and only served to underline* the group's renewed vulnerability. They showed pretax profits breaching the £300 million level for the first time with a rise of 18 per cent to £302 million. But earnings were only 7 per cent higher, leading to suggestions from *analysts that we may have* seen the best from the group *for the time being.*

Brokers such as Barclays de Zoete Wedd point out that the European and US markets have been stronger than was first thought. But Visioncare *made a poor return and looks* to have been an expensive acquisition. BZW *is looking* for profits in the current year of £350 million – but is urging clients to sell.

Amalgamated Financial Investments, a cash-rich "shell" keen on advancing its property ambitions, has a £10 million stake in a consortium's £33 million acquisition of an office *building in London's* Pentonville Road. The shares, at 38p, unchanged, could see action.



Meanwhile, the rest of the market took the news of the half-point rise in base rate to 9 per cent – which had been expected – in its stride. The move had already been discounted by dealers who had been bracing themselves for *just such a move following the* signs of increased inflationary pressures.

Share prices again closed at *their best levels of the day* after a cautious start, helped *by another firm start to trad*ing on Wall Street where the *Dow Jones industrial average* rose 34 points in early trading. *A total of 521.6 million shares* were traded.

The FT-SE 100 index finished 19.2 up at 1,879.3, while the narrower FT index of 30 shares nudged towards the 1,500 level with a rise of 14.9 at 1,496.5.

Brokers said that investors were willing to take their lead from New York where the dollar rallied strongly following better-than-expected budget deficit news.

The big dollar earners were all chased sharply higher, including Glaxo, 23p to 986. Reuters "B," 16p to 552p, ICI, 20p to £10.50 and Blue Circle Industries, 10p to 422p.

Government securities shrugged off recent dullness to score gains of £¼.

BP eased by 2p to 263p on reports that the Government is about to demand that the *Kuwait Investment Office re*duces its 21 per cent stake to *just under 15 per cent follow*ing an inquiry by the Monopo*lies Commission.* The reports were being discounted by *sources close to BP.*

Cable & Wireless could *muster only a 5p rise to 380p* after its full-year figures, showing pre-tax profits up from £340 million to £356 million, were given a lukewarm reception by the City. But confirmation that it had bought a 2.8 per cent stake in its rival, Racal Electronics, lifted the latter 12p to 340p.

Racal is pressing ahead with plans this summer to float off its Vodafone subsidiary. It is thought that the decision by Sir Ernest Harrison, the *founder and chairman,* was originally prompted by the knowledge that someone was nibbling at the shares as the prelude to a bid.

Ferranti surged by 4p to 88p on a turnover of 16 million shares in response to the publication of an important *review of the company by*

Ranks Hovis McDougall breached the 400p level with a rise of 19p to 402p. The shares have been gathering pace all week in the belief that Goodman Fielder may be about to move on its near-30 per cent stake. Whispers circulating claimed we could hear today that it has been sold on.

BZW, the broker and highlighted in the market report in *The Times* last week, BZW says Ferranti stands at a discount to the rest of the market and looks good value for money.

It also enjoys an impressive earnings growth which shows few signs of running out of steam. There is also talk that a big defence contract could be on the way.

Reports of stake-building were also good news for **Dawson International**, the textiles group that includes famous brand names such as Pringle of Scotland and Ballantyne, *which* responded with a rise of 27p to a new peak of 246p.

This month, the group revealed pre-tax profits virtually *unchanged* at £47 million, but this failed to be reflected in the share price which has been attracting support. The story doing the *rounds yesterday* was that an American group, DMC, has already tucked a few shares under its belt. Dealers claim predators are *being attracted by its impres*sive brand names in the run*up to the European single* market in 1992.

Smith & Nephew continued to respond positively to suggestions that Johnson & Johnson, the American medi*cal and household products* group, was thinking of bidding by advancing *another* 3p to 129p. The speculation stemmed from an international pharmaceuticals meeting in *Geneva this week* at which the group said it would like to become more involved in Europe.

Michael Clark

Suggestions are 'too idealistic'

Hong Kong brokers reject Hay Davison report

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

The Hong Kong Stockbrokers Association has flatly rejected many key suggestions which the Securities Review Committee says are essential to restore confidence in the Crown Colony's stock market.

The government-appointed committee, headed by Mr Ian Hay Davison, the former Lloyd's of London chief executive, has called for a complete overhaul of Hong Kong's financial markets and the setting up of an independent *securities watchdog.*

But Mr Henry Wu, the *chairman of the Hong Kong* Stockbrokers Association, *said the report was contradic*tory in some areas and "too idealistic". In particular brokers are unhappy about the idea of an independent securities watchdog paid for by the stock exchange.

The report proposed that the Securities Commission, the Commodities Trading Commission and the Office of the Commissioner for Securities and Commodities Trading be replaced by a single, independent statutory body headed and staffed by full-time experts and paid for by *the market.*

"Investors will feel more *comfortable if the regulatory* body comes under the govern*ment. Their confidence is* particularly important to avoid market chaos if another *crisis occurs in the securities* market," said Mr Wu at a seminar on the report, attended by more than 60 of the association's 300 members, many of them small Chinese stockbrokers.



Hay Davison: "private club"

In its 443-page report, the committee accused the pre-crash stock exchange of being run as "a private club rather than a public utility for the general benefit of members, investors and issuers", and it was hardly surprising that they were reluctant to change the status quo.

The Stockbrokers Association is also against the report's suggestion that the *powerful stock exchange* management committee, pres*ently dominated by local Chi*nese stockbrokers, should be *opened to outside experts and* overseas brokers.

The report suggests that the committee be renamed a council and comprise a chief *executive,* 16 individual and corporate brokers and five *independent members,* of whom at least one should be a *director of a listed company* and one a fund manager.

"We think it is unnecessary to have lay members directly involved in the council's business," said Mr Wu. He suggested that an advisory board be set up.

The association also criticized the report's recommendation that there be an *extension to the Stock Ex*change settlement period from *its present 24 hours to three* days.

Kymmene plan for Scots paper plant

By Alexandra Jackson

Kymmene, the *Finnish paper* and forest products group whose unrestricted shares have been introduced to the London Stock Exchange this week, has outlined its strategy to preserve its leading position in the European paper market.

Mr Casimir Ehrnooth, the chief executive, says the group aims to have a broad range of products.

The group's investment plans include a *£215 million* light-weight coated-paper plant at Irvine, Strathclyde.

The unrestricted shares can be held by non-Finnish citi*zens and account for 19 per* cent of the share capital.

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LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Allid Lyon. (*439)	390	55	67	72	2	6	20
	420	28	42	52	7	13	29
	460	6	22	31	27	33	49
Boss (*783)	800	18	48	62	33	55	45
	850	4	20	35	82	70	82
	900	1	11	20	112	112	123
Brit Air (*151)	140	14	20	23	2	6	10
	160	2½	11	13	13	16	21
	180	1	3½	6	31	33	39
Brit Com (*261)	260	9	22	27	7	15	20
	280	3	10	18	25	30	33
	300	1	5	10	42	47	50
Brit Gas (*192)	170	24	24½	-	1	2½	-
	180	14	16½	22	1½	5½	8½
BP (*264)	200	2½	6	11	11	17½	20
	240	25	28	-	9	18	22
	260	6½	15	24	5½	13	16
	280	2	8	14	19	25	28
Cons Gold (*1083)	1000	115	145	170	13	37	50
	1050	73	-	-	25	-	-
	1100	42	85	115	45	75	95
Courtauld (*335)	300	41	52	-	9	18	22
	330	18	33½	43	34	48	57
	360	5	17	23	31	37	42
	390	2	11	18	58	62	65
Com Union (*404)	380	28	37	45	2	9	14
	390	24	35	45	10	20	25
	420	11	23	33	30	40	45
C & W (*378)	300	80	88	95	1	4	7
	330	52	60	65	3	8	14
	360	25	35	45	15	18	24
	390	9	13	30	28	33	43
GEC (*155)	140	18	19	24	1	4	6
	150	3	8	12	7	12	17
	160	1	3	7	25	30	-
GKN (*329)	280	52	55	63	-	9	13
	300	33	39	48	3	10	12
	330	10	21	28	12	22	23
Grand Met (*512)	420	97	102	-	1	1½	-
	460	57	65	77	1	6	12
	500	24	38	50	9	23	28
	550	4	16	27	45	50	58
ICI (*1069)	900	180	185	205	1	6	11
	950	133	140	163	2	13	19
	1000	85	102	130	7	27	32
	1050	47	-	-	22	-	-
Jaguar (*280)	240	43	47	54	1	5	8
	260	26	30	40	3	10	13
	280	9½	19	27	10	18	23
	300	3½	9½	21	24	29	35
Land Sec (*587)	500	93	105	112	1	9	15
	550	45	65	78	3	15	20
	600	12	33	45	22	30	40
M & S (*177)	160	19	25	26	1	3	6
	180	5	12	16	7	11	15
	200	1	4½	9	24	26	29
R-Royce (*126)	110	17	21	23	1	2½	5
	120	9½	-	15	2	4½	6½
	130	2½	7	10	6½	10½	13
STC (*277)	240	38	43	50	2	5	10
	260	22	27	36	4	9	14
	280	11	17	25	13	20	27
Sainsbury (*227)	200	29	34	37	1½	4	5
	220	12	17	23	4	8	11
	240	2	9	14	15	18	22
	260	1	4	7	35	37	38
Shell (*1068)	1000	71	93	123	5½	28	35
	1050	35	-	-	22	-	-
	1100	15	37	63	52	73	75
Stonehse (*272)	240	33	42	52	3	8	17
	260	17	30	40	13	20	27
	280	10	22	30	25	32	38
Trafalgar (*322)	300	27	33	40	3	7	15
	330	5	15	23	14	20	27
	360	2	7	11	40	42	45
TSB (*105)	90	17	18	20	½	2	3½
	100	7½	9	13	2	5½	6½
	110	1½	5	8	9	11	12
Ultramar (*310)	280	38	50	62	5	16	20
	300	24	37	51	12	23	28
	320	12½	26	37	29	41	45
Woolworth (*291)	260	37	45	52	1½	7	9
	280	20	30	40	5	12	17
	300	7	20	28	15	23	26

	Series	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Amstrad (*207)	180	34	40	45	6	7	11
	200	21	25	33	10	15	18
	220	11	17	22	30	27	29
Barclays (*423)	360	67	75	-	3	6	-
	395	38	48	-	10	18	-
	425	19	28	-	28	35	-
Beechm (*470)	420	60	69	-	4	10	-
	460	32	42	52	15	24	27
	500	14	23	33	40	45	49
Boots (*222)	200	30	35	38	5	7	10
	220	16	22	26	11	16	19
	240	8	11	18	25	28	30
BTR (*272)	240	38	42	-	3½	6	-
	260	24	29	36	9	13	15
	280	11	18	25	20	23	25
Blue Circ (*420)	390	45	55	63	10	14	20
	42020½		35	45	18	25	32
	460	9	18	26	47	50	53
	500	3	11	-	83	83	-
Dixons (*198)	160	30	32	-	4	7	-
	180	15	22	27	9	13	16
	200	7	12	18	24	28	30

	Series	Calls Sep	Dec	Mar	Puts Sep	Dec	Mar
Glaxo (*986)	900	120	135	157	14	27	33
	950	85	102	125	28	43	53
	1000	55	72	100	50	67	74
	1100	20	37	-	122	130	-
Hanson (*142)	120	24½	26½	-	¼	1½	-
	130	16	19	20½	2	4	5½
	140	9½	13½	15	5½	8½	10
	160	2¼	4½	6½	19½	20½	21½
Hawker (*517)	460	75	85	100	6	10	14
	500	48	60	72	18	25	29
	550	20	37	50	45	55	58
Hillsdown (*288)	260	37	43	50	5	9	12
	280	25	30	40	12	16	20
	300	14	20	32	23	27	30
Lonhro (*244)	220	27	33	-	5½	9	-
	240	16	23	28	11	16	27
	260	8	14	18	24	27	32
Midland (*448)	390	59	67	80	3	9	12
	420	42	48	60	14	22	27
	460	17	28	37	35	40	47
Sears (*120)	110	15½	18	23	4	6	7
	120	8½	13	16	8	10	12½
	130	5	9	12	14	17	18
Tesco (*155)	140	22	25	-	1	5	8
	160	7	11	18	12	14	16
	180	3	6	9	31	32	32
Thorn EMI (*550)	550	108	112	-	5	10	-
	600	62	72	-	13	30	-
	650	25	40	48	32	40	45
THF (*253)	700	8	16	23	64	77	80
	220	43	48	53	1½	2½	5
Unilever (*480)	240	27	33	37	4½	8	11
	260	13	18	23	12	15	18
	420	75	82	-	3½	8	-
Wellcome (*536)	460	43	52	63	12	17	22
	500	21	31	42	33	37	43
	500	60	75	92	19	26	33
	550	31	50	65	40	47	55
	600	16	30	45	73	80	85

	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA (*275)	265	17	27	-	6	11	-
	280	7½	20	26	13	18	21
	300	2½	11	16	28	31	33
Brit Aero (*403)	330	78	83	-	1	5	-
	360	50	57	68	3½	12	16
	390	26	36	48	11	21	26
BAT Ind (*437)	420	9	21	32	27	38	45
	390	55	63	73	2	8	12
	420	31	40	53	9	18	23
	460	10	22	34	38	36	42
	500	3	11	-	67	68	-
Brit Tele (*248)	220	30	33	35	2½	4½	6
	240	13	20	26	8	13	15
	260	3	8	14	23	24	27
Cadbury (*412)	330	90	103	115	3	9	14
	360	63	82	95	6	17	23
	390	40	60	77	14	28	35
	420	24	44	57	30	42	50
Guinness (*336)	280	63	67	75	2	4	6
	300	43	50	57	9	7	12
	330	18	27	37	9	15	22
	360	6	16	22	27	33	35
Ladbroke (*426)	390	42	52	62	2½	10	13
	420	22	32	45	12	23	27
	460	5	16	25	40	45	48
LASMO (*449)	360	98	110	120	3	8	14
	390	72	87	97	5½	14	23
	420	46	62	77	13	28	35
	460	23	42	58	35	53	55
Pilkington (*214)	180	36	43	50	1	5	8
	200	20	27	35	7	11	15
	220	8	18	25	16	22	27
	240	2	10	-	30	32	-
Plessey (*163)	140	27	33	36	2	4	7
	160	12	18	23	6½	10	13
	180	3½	9½	14	21	24	28
P & O (*597)	500	105	112	130	4	6	13
	550	60	72	90	7	16	25
	600	23	40	53	20	37	44
Prudential (*162)	150	16	19	-	2½	5	-
	160	9	14	18	6	10	12
	170	3½	7	-	12	15	-
Racal (*339)	300	44	57	64	5	10	17
	330	24	37	46	17	23	30
	360	13	22	30	33	44	48
RTZ (*445)	390	93	103	113	2	4	9
	390	65	75	87	4	8	14
	420	40	55	64	11	18	27
	460	15	30	45	27	38	47
Vaal Reefs (*583)	80	8	11	15	3½	7	10
	90	5	7½	10	11	14	16
	100	1½	4½	8	20	22	24
Tr 12½ 1995 (*111)	110	1⁹/₁₆	1⅝	1¾	1⁵/₃₂	1⁹/₃₂	1¹³/₃₂
	112	½	1⁵/₃₂	2¹/₃₂	1⅜	1½	2⁹/₃₂
	114	¼	⅓	⅝	3	3⅛	3⅜
	116	1⁄₃₂	⅛	⅜	4⅝	5⁹/₃₂	5¹³/₃₂

FT-SE INDEX (*1879)

Series	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1650	235	240	243	242	½	3	6	8
1700	185	185	195	197	1	5	9	13
1750	135	138	152	153	1	8	14	20
1800	85	97	109	115	3	14	24	32
1850	38	56	75	88	7	30	36	48
1900	8	31	45	60	32	50	65	70
1950	1½	15	25	37	77	86	93	100

June 22, 1988 Total: 46675 Calls 33018 Puts 13657 FT-SE: Calls 5364 Puts 1896
*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings June 13	Last Dealings June 24	Last Declaration September 15	For Settlement September 26

Call options were taken out on: 22/6/88 Brierley Investments, Dixons, Highland Participants, Control Securities, Wellman, Chartenhall, JFB, Wiltshire Secs, Dares Estates, Reed International, Leigh Interests, Tuskar Resources, Ferranti, J England, Dalgety, Benlox, MBS, London Securities, Scottish & Newcastle, A Fisher, Norlolk Capital, Dee Corp.
Puts: Racal, Highland Participants, Inoco.

Brierley and Packer target Bell company

Perth (Reuter) — Sir Ron Brierley's Industrial Equity Ltd (IEL) and Mr Kerry Packer's Consolidated Press Holdings propose to offer Aus$2.10 (97p) each for all the issued shares of JN Taylor Holdings, a member of the Bell Group.

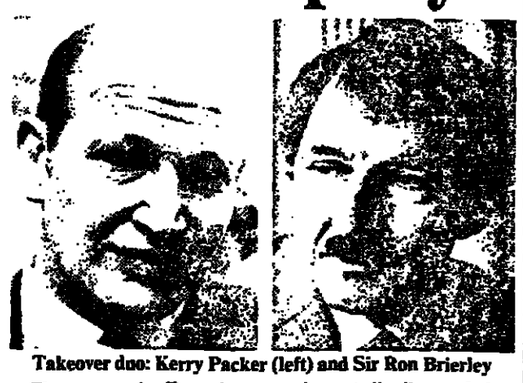
Mr Rod Price, IEL chief executive, said his group was now the second largest shareholder in Taylor after Bell Group, which owns 37 per cent.

IEL holds 6.58 million Taylor shares, 18 per cent of the voting capital, he said in a statement. IEL unveiled a 15.31 per cent stake in Taylor last Friday.

The offer price compares with yesterday's closing price of Aus$2.05 for Taylor shares.

MrPrice said a joint IEL/Consolidated Press company would also offer Aus$2.10 a share for Taylor contributing shares once a call due on June 30 is paid.

Taylor has an issued capital of 18.28 million fully paid 50 cent par ordinary shares, and 18.27 million contributing shares paid to 38 cents.



Takeover duo: Kerry Packer (left) and Sir Ron Brierley

The proposed offer values the company, assuming the call on the contributings is paid in full, at Aus$76.75 million (£35.38 million).

Taylor, the smallest of the three listed companies in the now-diminished empire built up by Mr Robert Holmes à Court, is an industrial company based in Western Australia, operating a marine equipment merchandiser, a woollen mill and an electrical equipment distributor. It has Aus$200 million in cash. All three Bell companies are now the subject of bids.

IEL and Mr Packer already have a Aus$1.50-a-share takeover offer for cash-rich Bell Resources on the table, while Bond Corporation Holdings is bidding Aus$2.70 a share for the 60.02 per cent of Bell Group not held by it and the Western Australian State Government Insurance Commission.

Private power cost may vary

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The formula used to control power prices in the electricity industry when it moves into the private sector may be varied region by region.

The Government has yet to draw up the price-control formula.

However Sir Philip Jones, the chairman of the Electricity Council, yesterday told the Commons Energy Select Committee that among the options being considered was a formula tailored to each regional board.

British Gas and British Telecom can only move domestic tariffs according to a formula based on the retail price index and a fixed proportion of their costs.

It has been envisaged that the power industry will have a similar formula imposed on it, but Sir Philip said the fixed proportion could be varied

COMPANY BRIEFS

AUKETT ASSOC (int) — Div. recommended for Feb '89.
Pre-tax: £0.50m (£0.41)m — £14m Skandia Life development approved. £15m BA office plans.
EPS: 2.83p (2.37)p — Expectations on target.
Div: nil

BOOTH (fin) — Steel work benefited from im
Pre-tax: £0.33m (£0.17)m — proved trading environment with
EPS: 5.86p (3.31)p — business emanating from retail/-
Div: Ip mkg l.37p (0.75)p — commercial developments.

PATHFINDER (fin) — Buoyant with developments in
Pre-tax: £0.43m — pipeline. Possible acquisitions.
EPS: 1.14p — Turnover up. A successful
Div: 0.29p — year anticipated.

KEMP (int) — Labour costs incurred due
Pre-tax: £0.11m (£0.11)m — to project delay. Prospects for
EPS: 1.47p (2.06)p — remaining year showing
Div: 0.50p (-)p — promise.

N.WEST EXPL. (fin) — Decision to seek a quotation of
Loss: £0.16m (£0.08)m — ordinary shares on the
LPS: 1.3p (1.1)p — USM. Exploration work to
Div: nil — continue aggressively.

WALL STREET

Stronger dollar lifts Dow

New York (Reuter) — Blue chips were up sharply and holding most of their strong gains in early trading yesterday. Mr Alan Ackerman of Gruntal said: "The market continues to rally on a gain in the dollar."

The Dow Jones industrial average was up by 34 points at 2,143.17.

Rising shares outnumbered falling ones by more than five to one in active trading.

Active issues included General Electric, up by ⅝ to 44, IBM, 122¾, up 2¾ and Eastman Kodak, up ⅝ to 46⅛.

The Dow average rose by 25.24 to 2,109.17 on Tuesday.

● **Tokyo** — Share prices fell on profit-taking in moderately active trading after rising sharply in the morning session due to Wall Street's rally on Tuesday.

The Nikkei Dow index fell by 64.79 points, or 0.23 per cent, to 27,860.78, after a morning high of 28,199.96.

● **Hong Kong** — Prices closed higher but late profit-taking pared gains. The Hang Seng index rose by 20.09 points to 2,703.74 and the Hong Kong index gained 13.77 to 1,790.80.

● **Frankfurt** — Shares advanced by a further 1 per cent in active trading as the strength of the dollar encouraged foreign and domestic buying.

The Commerzbank 60-share index, calculated at midday, rose by 19.9 points or 1.4 per cent to 1,442.2.

	Jun 21	Jun 20		Jun 21	Jun 20		Jun 21	Jun 20
AMR Cp	46⅛	45⅞	Fedders	10⅝	10	Pennzoil	75⅝	75
ASA	44⅞	44¾	Fst Chicago	29½	29	Pepsico	36¼	35⅝
Asma Life	45⅛	45	Fst Int Bncp	45¾	46⅛	Pfizer	53⅝	51¾
Allied Signal	34⅛	34	Fst Penn C	10¾	10⅝	Phelps Dod	43¼	42⅞
Allis Chin	1	1	FT Wachvia	39¼	39	Philip Mor	84⅝	83⅜
Alcoa	51⅝	51⅛	Ford Motor	53	52	Philip Pet	17¾	17⅜
Amax Inc	23⅛	23	GAF Cp	48	47⅝	Pillsbury	35	36¼
AmR Hess	27⅞	27⅞	GTE Cp	38¼	37⅝	Polaroid	37⅝	32½
Am Brands	46⅝	45⅝	Gen Cp	19⅛	19	Pnwmnce	26	26⅛
Am Cynmd	54⅝	53⅞	Gn Dynam	54⅞	54	Procs Gde	76⅛	76⅜
Am Ele Pwr	28⅝	28⅛	Gen Electric	43¼	43⅜	Pub S E G	24⅝	24
Ameda	26⅛	26⅝	Gen Inst	37⅛	37¼	R Nabisco	47¼	46⅛
Am Family	13⅞	13¾	Gen Mills	35⅞	46¼	Raytheon	64⅜	65⅝
Am Home	75⅜	75	Gen Motors	79¼	79⅛	Rymis Mnt	51⅝	52
Am Int Grp	58	57⅝	Gen Pub Ut	34⅛	34	Rockwell Int	21¼	20⅝
Am Stand	77⅛	77⅜	Genesco	4	3⅝	Royal Dutch	115¼	115
Am Telph	27	26⅝	Georgia Pac	41⅛	40⅛	SPE Sopac	19⅝	19⅝
Amoco Cp	76⅛	75⅝	Gillette	37⅜	37¼	Sara Lee	36⅜	36⅜
Anheuser B	30⅝	30¼	Goodrich	54⅜	54⅛	Schlumb	36¼	35⅝
Armco Steel	9¼	9⅛	Goodyear	66	66⅝	Scott Paper	39¼	40⅜
Asarco Inc	26⅛	25¾	Gould Inc	14⅞	14⅝	Seagram	56⅛	55⅝
Ashland Oil	68⅛	69¼	Grace Co	36¾	36⅝	Sears Roeb	36⅝	36⅝
Atl Richfld	83¼	83⅛	Grn Atl Pac	37¼	37¼	Smith Barks	76⅛	75⅝
Avon Prod	24⅛	24⅜	Grumman	30⅝	30⅛	Smith Beck	46⅛	46⅛
Bk Boston	25⅝	26⅛	Gulf Cp	22⅝	21½	Sony Cp	40¼	40¼
Bank NY	33⅝	33	Gulf Westn	43	42¾	Sth Cal Ed	34	33¼
Bankamer	12⅝	12	Heinz	40⅛	40	Sth Bell	39⅝	38⅝
Banc Tst NY	35⅛	35⅛	Hercules	47¼	47⅛	Squibb	64	62¼
Baxter	21½	21½	Hewlett Pk	54⅞	53⅜	Stevens JP	68¼	68⅛
Bem Steel	20¾	21½	Honeywell	74⅜	73⅝	Sun Comp	57⅞	57⅜
Boeing	56⅛	54⅝	IC Ind	31½	31½	TRW Inc	48⅜	47⅝
Borse Casc	44¼	44⅛	ITT Cp	51⅛	51¼	Texaco	342	341½
Borden	45⅝	45⅜	INCO	32⅜	32⅝	Tenneco	46¼	46
Brist Meyr	45⅜	45⅛	Ing Pand Wi	41½	41½	Texaco	48⅛	48⅝
BP	57⅛	56⅞	Inland Steel	33⅜	33⅜	Tex Eastn	36⅝	35⅞
Brunswick	20⅛	20⅛	IBM	120	17⅜	Texas Instl	49	47
Burl Ntn	69½	68⅜	Int Paper	46¼	45⅞	Tex Util	25⅝	26
CBS	158	57⅛	Irving Bk	71⅜	71¼	Textron	24¼	24¾
Cms Engy	20⅛	20	Jhsn & Jhsn	80	80¼	Travelers	36⅜	36¾
CPC Int	46⅝	46⅜	K Mart	35	34½	UAL Cp	88⅝	85¼
CSX Cp	27¼	27⅛	Kansmach	17⅝	17¾	USG	47¼	47⅛
Camp Soup	25¼	25⅝	Kerry McGee	36¼	36½	USX Cp	31⅜	31¼
Can Pacific	18⅛	18⅛	Kimbrly Clrk	61	61¼	Unilever Plc	33⅝	32⅞
Caterpillar	66⅝	66	Kratt	53⅝	53	Un Carbide	21¼	21½
Centrl SW	32⅜	32	Kroger	35¼	35⅛	Un Pac Cp	64¼	64¾
Champion	36⅛	36⅛	LTV Cp	3¼	3⅜	Unisys Cp	36⅜	36⅝
Chase Man	28	27¾	Limon	83¼	83⅛	Unit Brand	17⅜	17
Chem Bank	39	29⅝	Lockheed	45¾	44⅜	Us West	56⅝	55¼
Chevron	49⅜	49⅛	Loew Sit	n.a.	n.a.	Uns Tech	39⅝	39⅜
Chrysler	24⅝	24¼	Mgn H'river	29⅝	29⅜	Unocal	35¼	35⅞
Chicorp	23⅛	23⅛	Manville	2¼	2	Warn Lamb	66⅛	65
Clark Eq	34⅝	34⅜	Mapco	56¼	56¼	Wells Far	59	58⅝
Coca Cola	39⅛	37⅝	Marriott	29	28⅝	Wesg El	54¼	54¼
Colgate	43⅜	43¼	Mr Marietta	44¼	44¼	Weyerhsr	27¾	27¾
Colstmo Gas	31⅜	31½	Masco	28¾	27⅝	Whirlpool	28¾	28¾
Cmb Int Eng	34⅝	34⅝	Mcdonalds	44½	43⅝	Woolworth	53¼	51
Comwlth Ed	29¾	29¾	McDonnell	62¾	62⅜	Xerox Cp	53⅛	53½
Cons Edis	44⅝	44½	Mead Cp	36⅝	36⅝	Zenith	28⅜	27¾
Consol Ng	35⅞	35¾	Merck	54¾	54⅛			
Com Data	26	25¾	Minsta Mng	63¾	62⅝	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corning Gl	54⅜	54⅛	Mobil	45¾	45⅝			
Crane	30¾	30	Monsanto	68¼	67¾	Agnco Eag	19¼	18¾
Curtiss W	n.a.	51½	Mornedson	13½	13	Alcan Alum	36¼	36¼
Data Genl	22½	22¼	Morgan Jp	71¾	35¼	Algoma Stl	22.00	21¾
Deere Co	44¼	44	Motorola	52¾	50¾	Can Pacific	22¾	22¾
Delta Air	51⅝	51½	NCR	65¾	65¾	Commco	21¾	20¾
Detroit Edi	13¾	13⅝	NL Indstrs	6¾	6⅞	Con Bathrst	17	16¾
Digital Eq	110½	107½	Nat Md Ent	22⅜	22⅛	Hawk S Can	23¾	23¾
Disney	62½	62¼	Nat Semi	14¼	13⅝	Hud Bay M	19¾	19¾
Dow Chem	88½	87½	Norfolk Sth	28½	27¾	Imasco	25¾	25⅝
Dresstr Ind	32¾	33	NW Bancrp	45¼	44⅜	Imperial Oil	56¾	56¼
Du Pont	88½	87¾	Occid Petl	26¼	26¾	Inco	39¾	39¾
Duke Pwr	46⅛	45¾	Ogden Cp	27¾	26½	Royl Trstco	16	16
East Kodak	45½	44⅛	Olin Cp	50⅛	50¾	Seagram	67¾	67½
Eaton Cp	82½	82¼	PPG Ind	44¾	44½	Shelco A'	23¾	23¾
Emerson El	32	31½	Pac Enterp	48	48¾	Thmsn N 'A'	28	28¼
Emery Air	4½	4⅜	Pac Gas El	15¾	15⅞	Varity Cp	3.95	3.86
Exxon	46½	46¼	Pan Am	2¾	2¾	WCT	17¾	17⅝
Farah Inc	8⅞	9	Penney JC	49¾	48⅝	Weston	33¾	33¾

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	2,242	Costs	1,105	Land Sec	504	Royal Ins	1,189
Abbey	585	CU	1,965	Laporte	709	Saatchi	1,115
Allid-Lyons	2,642	Cons Gold	570	L&G	1,337	Sainsbury	451
Amstrad	440	Cookson	2,000	Lloyds	3,572	Scot & N	746
ASDA	2,579	Courtaulds	910	Lonrho	929	Sears	6,427
AB Foods	495	Dalgety	739	Lucas	1,171	Sedgwick	3,348
Argyll	1,724	Dee	5,419	Magnet	1,131	Shell	1,761
BAA	900	Dixons	1,445	M&S	2,041	Smith & N	13,619
BET	2,134	ECC	188	Maxwell Cm	1,720	Smith WH	140
BTR	1,716	Enterprise	833	MEPC	235	Smiths Ind	1,765
BAT	1,439	Ferranti	16,121	Metal Box	2,948	STC	1,675
Barclays	1,600	Fisons	2,204	Midland	1,131	Stan Chart	206
Bass	2,265	FKI Babck	1,229	Natwest	2,241	Storehse	615
Beecham	1,612	Gen Acc	322	Nmrl	1,299	Sun Altnce	29
Beazer	261	GEC	3,779	Nth Food	547	T & N	827
Bensid SW	674	Glaxo	1,840	P&O	474	Tarmac	414
BICC	584	Globe Inv	899	Pearl	21	Tate & Lyle	257
Blue Arrow	1,982	Glynwed	1,153	Pearson	153	TSB	1,946
Blue Circle	920	Granada	1,007	Pilkington	7,860	Tesco	3,657
BOC	1,299	Grand Met	1,512	Pressey	1,571	Thorn EMI	1,136
Boots	2,785	Guss 'A'	204	Prudential	1,974	Trafalgar	1,519
BPB	339	GRE	586	Racal	8,584	THF	3,542
Br Aero	264	GKN	681	Rk Hovis	2,422	Ultramar	990
Br Airways	1,403	Gunnasss	1,984	Rank	334	Unigate	731
Br Comm	54	Hamm A'	678	R&C	266	Unilever	1,096
Br Gas	17,939	Hanson	9,998	Redland	939	Unted Bis	813
Br Petrol	7,182	Hawker	689	Reed	1,606	Utd News	204
Br Telecm	8,668	Hillsdown	1,315	Reuters	822	Wellcome	1,909
Bntol	Unq.	IMI	1,118	RMC Gp	175	Wmprd	1,512
Bunzl	1,843	ICI	1,032	RTZ	474	Williams	645
Burmah	217	Inchcape	731	R-Royce	4,610	Wilts Fab	230
Burton	250	Jaguar	2,874	Rothmn 'B'	819	Wimpey G	2,508
C&W	6,357	Lasmo	1,333	Rowntree	188	Woolworth	457
Cadbury	1,782	Ladbroke	766	Royal Bank	1,587	Equities page 31	

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Asian Pacific	70.1	74.9	+0.5	1.11
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Capital Res	79.1	79.4	..	3.76
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UK Gth Inc	130.4	139.7	+1.2	2.12
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Extra Inc	39.0	41.5e	+0.4	4.74
Formerly Baltic Trust Managers				
American	40.7	43.5	..	2.13
Amer Extra Inc	35.6	37.8e	..	5.99
Australasian	24.2	25.9	..	1.34
Euro Tst	42.5	45.4	..	0.00
Gil/Fxd Interest	25.6	25.2e	..	9.48
Global Income	39.4	39.8	..	4.98
Hi Income	64.5	68.0e	..	5.25
Income Growth	66.9	71.2e	..	4.19
International	49.9	53.1	..	0.00
Japan Gen	166.0	176.7	..	0.01
Special Sits	64.7	68.9	..	1.27
Formerly Atlanta UT Managers				
Japan Far East	67.1	71.5	-0.7	1.45
International	71.1	75.6	+0.4	1.98
Do Acc	92.9	98.7	+0.5	1.36
Hi Income	56.3	59.9	+0.4	5.60
Fund Invest	96.1	104.3	+0.5	2.41
Do Acc	148.6	157.9	+0.5	2.41
UK Growth	21.8	23.2	+0.3	4.27
N American	44.1	46.9	+0.9	1.32
Swiss Balncd	39.3	41.8	+0.2	3.58

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE Tel: 01-837 6494

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth Acc	105.7	113.3	+0.7	1.97
Exempt	103.4	110.8	+2.1	4.51
Far Eastern	217.7	233.1	-0.3	0.00
Fin & Prop	82.9	87.8	+0.6	2.41
Hi Yield	75.4	79.9	+0.3	4.76
Income & Gth	39.0	41.7	+0.2	4.37
Intl Emerings	180.6	191.3	+1.4	2.92
Int Gth Inc	89.5	95.3	+0.7	0.28
Japan Gth Acc	152.3	162.9	+0.9	0.00
Nt Amer Gth Acc	115.3	123.3	+1.7	2.54
Preference Inc	133.7	141.6	..	8.58
Smi Co Div Inc	95.7	101.4e	+0.3	4.83
Smi Co Gth	286.3	301.3	+2.1	2.32
Spec Sits Inc	136.1	144.2e	+0.5	1.44
UK Growth	382.9	405.5c	+3.1	3.22

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
Tel: 0793 28291 dealing: 0793 616288

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Income	300.0	318.9	+1.7	4.98
Equity Inc	173.5	184.2e	+0.9	4.13
High Yield	176.1	186.7	+1.1	4.95
Balanced	420.4	445.6e	+3.6	3.31
Amer Inc	27.9	29.7	+0.2	4.97
World Ass Val	39.1	41.5	+0.1	1.98
Japan	140.5	149.6	-1.5	0.01
Sec of Amer	182.3	194.1e	+2.3	0.69
Asset Value	322.8	342.0e	+2.5	1.80
O'seas Earn	216.5	221.2e	+1.5	3.17
Recovery	100.4	106.4	+0.5	2.93
UK Spec Sits	259.8	275.4	+2.3	2.51
Income Gth	166.9	179.0e	+1.3	2.05
Capital	264.8	280.7	+2.0	2.30
Amer Spec Sit	60.3	64.2	+0.4	1.65
International	91.4	97.3c	+0.2	1.02
Growth & Inc	154.3	163.6	+0.3	3.44
Canadian Gth	27.1	28.7	+0.2	1.32
Pacific	220.8	235.2e	-0.6	0.20
2nd Smlr Co	192.3	203.8	+0.9	1.81

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	80.6	85.0	+0.8	3.17
Euro Gth Inc	106.8	113.2	+0.2	1.10
Extra Income	95.5	101.9	+0.6	5.16
General	169.0	180.3	+1.3	3.39
Gilt & Fixed Inc	92.7	98.6e	..	9.65
Income Tst	429.6	457.0	+2.1	3.98
Int Income	48.3	51.8e	+0.1	3.98
Smlr Co Inc	39.0	41.6	+0.2	1.29

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4RQ Tel: 01-658 3000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American EVS	54.8	58.1	..	0.90
Australia	66.4	72.5	..	0.11
Eastern	76.7	81.8	..	0.10
Exempt	68.5	72.7	..	5.20
Europe	119.4	126.6e	..	0.50
Exempt Tst	34.3	61.8	..	2.20
Growth & Inc	78.4	83.2	..	2.20
Do Acc	118.9	126.1	..	2.20
Global Gth	61.6	65.3	..	0.00
Japan Spec	148.8	156.5	..	0.00
Japan Smlr	152.6	161.9	..	0.00
First Europe	102.6	109.6	..	0.90
First Japan	106.7	113.6	..	0.50
First N Amer	42.7	45.3c	..	1.10
First Smlr Co	92.2	97.8	..	1.20
N Amer Spec	39.8	42.2	..	0.30
UK Growth	59.28	63.04	+0.40	5.21

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Ferryquays Rd, Heywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	159.6	169.2	..	3.91
Smlr Co Acc	287.9	312.4	..	0.82
Do Inc	181.9	197.4	..	0.82
High Income	81.3	86.3	..	5.58
Income	98.5	104.5	..	4.34
Main Portfl Inc	86.5	91.7	..	2.23
Do Acc	147.0	156.0	..	2.20
Nth American	45.9	48.5	..	0.21
Orient	104.2	111.0e	..	0.00
Exempt	275.1	290.2e	..	2.30
Recovery	64.2	68.1e	..	0.35
German	92.1	93.6e	..	1.90
Int Recov	24.8	26.1	..	1.90
Enterprise	156.3	165.7	..	3.59
Conv General	25.3	26.7e	..	7.00

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange, London EC2P 2JT Tel: 01-588 2868 01 623 2345

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Emerg Inc	60.7	64.4	+0.1	2.00
Fellowship Inc	62.6	66.4	+0.2	2.00
General Inc 4	256.1	272.3e	+0.6	3.00
Do Acc 4	426.3	452.3e	+4.2	3.00
Income Fd 3	137.1	145.5	+0.6	5.00
Do Acc 3	256.4	272.2	+1.6	5.00
Int Income 2	106.0	111.9	+0.4	4.00
Do Acc 2	142.1	150.3	+0.7	2.00
Smlr Inc 5	91.9	97.2c	+0.3	1.85
Do Acc	99.9	105.6c	+0.3	1.85

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Mid Income	97.2	102.6	+0.3	3.22

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117, Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7216

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Shr Gt Fxd Int	51.7	52.7	..	1.37

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth	34.9	37.2e	+0.5	2.75
Income	44.3	47.2e	+0.3	4.41
Far East	30.1	32.1e	-0.1	0.19
Nth American	28.0	29.8e	+1.0	0.89
Sterling	45.0	47.9	..	2.57
European	39.8	42.4	+0.3	1.28
Japan	89.4	95.2	+0.5	0.01
Strategic Opp	50.9	54.2	+0.2	1.36
Do Acc	47.8	50.9	..	1.36
Intl Currency	44.8	47.7	..	5.00

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 552 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1DE Tel: : 01-588 0808

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	404.5	431.7	+3.2	3.13
European S S	48.4	52.7	..	3.63
Far East S S	51.8	55.9	..	0.64
Gold Gen S S	58.5	62.2	+0.9	0.84
Income	353.1	376.9	+2.4	5.00
Intl Sp Sits	49.0	52.2	+0.2	1.56
Nth Amer	230.7	246.3	+3.7	1.94

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Pine Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Investment	440.05	c	..	4.83
Fixed Int	148.15	..	..	9.78
Deposit	100.0	..	..	8.25

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Pine Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	414.9	c	..	5.18
Acc	£13.0335	..	..	..
Deposit	100.0	..	..	7.50

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-606 6522

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Managed	22.9	24.2	..	0.40
SC Special Sits	64.1	67.8e	..	

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plate, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	19.6	20.8	+0.3	0.35
Asia Gth	22.5	23.9	+0.1	0.79
Dragon Gth	24.9	26.4	+0.3	1.85
Energy Hi Inc	59.0	62.5e	+0.4	4.75
Do Acc	59.6	63.1	+0.4	4.75
European Gth	28.5	30.2	+0.2	2.90
Gen Equity	49.3	52.2	+0.4	2.90
Gilt/ Inest Gth	33.1	34.9	..	7.31
Gilt & Fixed Inc	24.9	26.3	..	8.82
Intl Income Tst	23.1	24.5	+0.1	6.18
Japan Gth	46.3	49.1e	+0.2	0.00
Pedigree Gth	28.5	31.3e	+0.2	2.34
Special Sits	36.9	39.1	+0.3	1.92

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-886 9876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	53.2	56.4e	..	2.74
Do Acc	55.2	58.7e	..	2.74
Income Inc	55.6	59.2e	..	3.71
Worldwide Inc	43.6	46.6c	..	0.71
Do Acc	44.9	47.9c	..	0.71
Gamma Inc	35.5	37.8	..	1.08
Do Acc	35.7	37.9	..	1.08
Amer Gth	52.1	55.4	..	0.00
Euro Gth	48.4	51.4	..	0.00
Far East	30.6	32.6	..	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	48.3	51.1	..	6.16
World Bond	48.3	51.3	..	5.56
Private Inv Pt	50.3	53.5	..	1.30
Profess Inv Pt	50.3	53.5	..	1.30
Progres Inv Pt	50.3	53.5	..	1.30

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5933

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Tst	105.3	112.3e	+1.5	0.89
Canadian Gth	20.9	22.2	+0.1	..
European Tst	90.9	96.9e	-0.7	..
Growth Tst	268.2	283.9	+1.9	3.01
High Income	310.6	330.2	+2.7	5.06
Japan Growth Tst	185.9	112.5e	+1.1	..
Investment	28.9	28.5	+0.3	..
Japanese Tst	255.7	251.4	-2.6	..
Man Int	27.0	28.6	+0.1	..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 9RL Tel: 07372-242454

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
European Gth	51.7	55.0e	+0.2	1.30
Euro Spec Sits	51.8	55.1e	+0.2	1.30
International	47.8	51.4e	+0.2	6.50
N Amer Gth	44.1	47.5e	+0.8	1.00
Pac Basin Gth	52.5	56.0e	+0.4	0.50
UK Gth	71.0	75.6e	+0.6	0.50
Do Dist	68.6	73.0	+0.6	0.50
UK Inc	60.3	61.9	-1.2	4.50

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tst: 0345 080528

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Accession Fd	58.8	62.5	+0.4	1.90
Capital Fd	129.8	137.9	+2.1	1.45
Convertible	24.9	26.5e	+0.2	7.48
Eurofund	23.4	24.8	+0.1	1.21
Growth & Inc	181.8	193.1	+2.2	3.68
High Dist Fd	150.4	159.8	+1.3	5.01
International	206.3	218.2e	+2.0	1.03
Pacific Fd	24.5	26.0	-0.3	0.00
Resources Fd	23.4	24.9	+0.1	0.40
Smlr Cap Co	45.5	48.3	-0.5	0.00
Tokyo Fd	198.3	208.6	-4.4	0.00
Ex Amer 2	117.3	120.5	+3.3	1.69
Ex Japan 3	120.0	123.2e	-3.3	1.67
Ex Pacific 4	372.6	382.8	..	0.23
Ex Smlr Jap 4	271.9	279.4	..	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Balan Inc	86.4	90.6e	+0.6	2.68
Do Acc	89.9	95.4e	+0.7	2.64
UK Gth Acc	127.7	135.5e	+0.6	2.00
UK High Inc	95.8	102.5e	+0.7	4.27
N Amer Acc	62.0	66.1c	+0.7	1.06
Far East Acc	118.5	126.4e	-0.3	0.61
European Acc	69.0	72.5	+0.3	1.60
UK Gt/Fi Inc	56.4	59.8e	..	8.70
Do Acc	65.4	69.4e	-0.1	7.48
Intl Spec Sits	38.4	41.0	+0.1	1.63

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Adelaide Centre Hexagon House Reading Rdhl 3LB Tel: 0708 66908

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	119.5	127.2	-0.9	1.86

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equit Pelican	94.0	100.0	..	3.20
High Income	99.2	104.5e	..	4.59
Gl/Fxd Interest	52.5	55.9	..	7.06
Tst Of Inv Tsts	86.8	91.3	..	2.98
Spec Sits Tst	100.5	107.0	..	0.00
Nth Amer Tst	55.5	59.1	..	1.51
Far East Tst	117.1	124.6	..	0.32
Intl Gth	55.9	59.5	..	1.51
European Tst	39.8	42.4e	..	1.77

EQUITY & LAW
Tel: 0283 563221

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Unit Gth Inc	177.8	189.1	+0.1	3.27
Do Inc	147.6	157.0	+0.1	3.27
Higher Inc Acc	223.9	354.1	+0.2	4.98
Do Inc	251.9	267.8	+0.3	4.98
Gilts & Fxd Acc	113.1	119.0	+0.2	8.48
Do Inc	84.7	89.1	+0.2	8.48
N Amer Acc	117.9	125.4	-2.4	0.00
Far East Acc	209.7	223.0	-2.1	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	128.4	136.5	-1.0	0.62
Gen Tst	238.7	276.2	+0.2	3.59
Smlr Excell	40.1	42.6e	+0.1	2.50
Br Fdmtls Inc	50.0	53.1	+0.1	5.90
Do Acc	53.0	56.1	+0.1	5.90

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
US Smlr Co	57.6	61.3	..	0.74
UK Inc Fd	94.4	100.5	..	4.32
Far East Fd	82.4	87.3	..	0.00
Overseas Inc	58.9	61.8e	..	4.66
Fxd Interest	54.2	57.7e	..	9.79
Natural Res Fd	62.6	66.6e	..	1.77
European Inc	60.8	64.6	..	2.52
Financials Fd	58.1	61.8	..	2.57
Intl Tech Fd	104.6	111.2	..	0.78
Gilt Fd	70.7	75.3	..	2.15
US Major	45.8	48.8	..	0.75

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
100, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 2132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balan Gth Acc	66.9	71.2	..	..
Do Inc	65.1	69.3	..	1.20
Hi Yield Acc	80.0	85.0e	..	..
Do Inc	68.4	80.2e	..	5.60
Serv Co Acc	57.0	60.7	..	..
Do Inc	49.4	52.6e	..	5.60
Amer Gth Acc	66.7	73.2	..	..
Do Inc	63.1	67.4	..	0.70
Amer Gth Acc	22.5	24.1	..	..
Do Inc	22.4	23.9	..	1.20
Euro Gth Acc	18.0	17.1	..	2.00
Do Inc	15.9	17.0	..	2.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oliver Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	98.3	105.2	+0.6	0.84
Amer Equ Inc	28.5	29.4	+0.1	5.61
Amer Spec Sit	48.6	52.0	+0.3	0.00
Australia	25.8	28.3	-0.1	1.92
European	55.9	59.8	+0.1	..
European Inc	21.0	22.4	+0.3	4.21
Gilt/Fxd Interest	28.1	29.6e	..	5.34
Far East Inc	39.0	41.5e	-0.1	3.41
Gil/Fxd Interest	29.8	29.5e	..	9.24
Growth & Inc	112.5	120.4	+0.6	4.53
Growth Spec Sit	78.2	81.6	+0.1	..
Japan	165.9	177.5c	-0.7	..
Managed Intl	128.3	134.4	-0.3	0.18
Inc Plus	108.3	115.9	+0.4	4.50
Managed Nome	40.7	43.7	+0.1	2.46
SE Asia	48.2	52.0	+0.1	0.00
Spec Sit	257.3	276.0	+1.0	0.80
European Opps	24.2	25.8	..	2.33
Intl Bond	24.2	25.8	+0.3	2.33
Recovery	28.4	31.6	+0.3	..
Moneybuilder	25.8	27.6	+0.1	3.08

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 8151

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Smlr Cos	172.4	181.9	+1.7	..
Amer Tst	176.1	185.8	+1.6	..
Amer Turn Inc	187.6	198.0	+2.0	..
Far East Acc	209.7	223.0	+2.4	..
Euro Tst Acc	128.4	136.5	-1.0	0.62
Gen Tst	238.7	276.2	+0.2	3.59
Smlr Excell	40.1	42.6e	+0.1	2.50
Br Fdmtls Inc	50.0	53.1	+0.1	5.90
Do Acc	53.0	56.1	+0.1	5.90

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
US Smlr Co	57.6	61.3	..	0.74
UK Inc Fd	94.4	100.5	..	4.32
Far East Fd	82.4	87.3	..	0.00
Overseas Inc	58.9	61.8e	..	4.66
Fxd Interest	54.2	57.7e	..	9.79
Natural Res Fd	62.6	66.6e	..	1.77
European Inc	60.8	64.6	..	2.52
Financials Fd	58.1	61.8	..	2.57
Intl Tech Fd	104.6	111.2	..	0.78
Gilt Fd	70.7	75.3	..	2.15
US Major	45.8	48.8	..	0.75

GT UNIT MANAGERS
5th Floor, 5, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Asset Sp Sits	57.1	60.7	+0.3	0.51
UK Gen Inc	125.6	133.5	+0.8	2.50
Do Acc	191.5	204.3	+1.6	2.50
Do Spec Sits	52.8	56.4	..	1.00
Income Fd	96.8	103.4	+0.7	4.68
International	150.1	160.4	+1.0	0.50
US & General	43.0	45.9	+0.5	1.00
Japan & Gen	308.0	328.8	+0.7	0.10
Far East Gen	127.8	136.4	+0.4	0.50
European Fd	69.0	73.7	+0.3	1.60
Germany Fd	51.7	55.1	+0.7	1.70
Ind Inc Fd	48.2	51.5e	+0.1	7.48
Wld Spec Sit	60.8	64.9e	+0.4	2.80
Global Prp Inc	47.0	50.1	-0.1	2.50
Do Acc	47.0	50.1	-0.1	2.50

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-19 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 8AX Tel: 01-628 1212 Dealing: 01-236 3636 Services: 0800 289336

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Tste				
British Acc	72.6	77.7	+1.3	2.18
Do Dist	61.6	65.9	+1.1	2.18
Chalt UK Gth	24.8	26.1	+0.3	2.60
Main Expt	269.7	280.4	+3.1	2.58
Pract Inv Inc	72.1	77.1	+0.6	2.36
Do Acc	123.0	131.3	+0.8	2.36
Spec Sits	106.9	113.1	+0.8	0.61
UK Sel Opps	60.0	64.0e	+0.3	1.08
UK Smlr Cos	105.7	113.4	+1.0	1.01

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income Tste				
Extra Inc	61.5	66.0	+0.5	6.09
Fxd Interest	30.9	33.2	+0.2	7.13
Recovery Inc	32.5	34.7e	+0.3	4.92
Smlr Co's	103.1	110.5	+0.9	3.47
Intl Fxd Int	23.8	25.3e	-0.2	8.14
International Tste				
Commod Shre	62.3	66.9e	+1.7	1.26
Frontier Mkts	24.4	27.1	..	0.72
Global	160.0	170.8	..	0.98
Do Dist	150.9	161.9	-0.4	0.98
Glob Inc/Gth	69.8	74.5	+0.6	3.69
Gold Share	16.4	17.5	+0.1	1.85
Intl Sel Opps	111.1	118.5e	-0.2	2.33
Oil & Energy	45.1	48.1	-0.2	2.12
Whole Recov	86.6	92.3e	+0.5	1.02
Overseas Tste				
American	69.6	71.1e	+1.9	1.26
Amer Sel Opp	27.8	29.7e	..	0.98
Australian	18.8	20.0	..	0.00
European	46.5	49.6	+0.1	1.24
Euro Sel Opp	65.1	69.5	-0.1	0.68
Far East	132.9	142.6	-1.2	0.14
Hedged Amer	31.7	34.0	..	0.00
Hong Kong	128.1	137.4	..	4.66
Japan	131.2	140.8e	-2.1	0.00
Japan S/Opp	72.1	76.9	-1.4	0.00
Pacific Gth	46.3	52.8e	-0.1	0.95

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing01-588 0226

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Gth	91.7	97.5e	+0.4	1.09
American Gth	58.4	62.5	+1.0	1.01
Australian Gth	46.7	49.9	+0.2	1.17
Capital Gth	51.9	55.5	+0.7	0.52
Japan Gth	66.3	70.9e	-0.7	..
Pacific Inc	69.5	74.2e	+0.5	4.60
Global Health	82.2	87.2	..	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	59.3	64.1e	..	4.60
Global Resrce	58.3	76.1	..	0.55
Global Tech	105.1	111.5c	..	0.00
Income	241.2	258.1	..	4.00
High Income	241.2	258.1	..	4.00
Hong Kong	98.6	99.0e	..	0.00
Inc & Gth Inc	111.8	118.6	..	3.19
Do Acc	388.6	395.3e	..	3.19
Income Asset	126.3	135.2	..	3.94
International	152.1	161.3	..	1.02
Japan Gth	196.7	210.5	-1.2	0.00
Japan Inc	93.4	99.9	-0.6	0.00
North American	112.1	118.9	-0.6	0.45
Pacific Smlr Co	85.7	90.9	..	0.00
Pension Man	43.7	46.0e	..	0.00
Prof Sit Fd	89.9	94.5e	..	9.10
Recovery Tst	138.6	147.0	..	1.84
Sing & Malay	34.7	37.8	..	0.00
Smlr Co Div	174.8	187.0	..	4.01
Spec Sits Inc	180.9	191.7	..	1.29
Worldwide	529.9	561.9	..	1.91
Euro Expt	100.9	106.3	-0.5	0.61
Glob Tech Expt	79.4	83.6e	..	0.00
Gth Exempt	180.1	189.6e	..	4.68
Japan Expt	194.4	203.9	..	0.00
N Amer Expt	78.9	83.1e	..	0.82
Pacific Exmpt	192.1	190.7e	..	2.60
Smlr Co Exmpt	138.0	145.3e	..	2.60
Spec Sit Exmpt	38.0	40.7e	..	2.60
Spnl Of Exmpt	39.1	41.9	..	2.20

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-626 9031

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gl/Fxd Interest	118.6	123.6	-0.6	9.68
Growth	367.8	387.0e	+2.3	3.44
Income Tst	96.8	102.5e	..	4.70
Intl Tst	115.1	121.8	..	0.36
N American	128.0	133.4	+0.9	0.00
Pacific	247.7	260.7	+0.7	0.00
Prop Share	398.7	411.4	+3.0	1.57
Smaller Co	369.9	395.8	+1.7	1.76
European Tst	343.7	297.9e	-1.3	1.16

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Strong gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began June 20. Dealings end July 1. §Contango day July 4. Settlement day July 11.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Cape Ind	Industrials A-D	
2	Cable Wireless (aa)	Electricals	
3	Black (A&C)	Newspapers,Pub	
4	Vaux Group	Breweries	
5	Tomkins	Industrials S-Z	
6	Salvesen (Chas)	Foods	
7	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
8	Electrocomponents	Electricals	
9	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
10	Westbury	Building,Roads	
11	Star Comp	Industrials S-Z	
12	Ellis & Everard	Chemicals,Plas	
13	Lopex	Paper,Print,Adv	
14	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
15	Keep Trust	Industrials E-K	
16	TI	Industrials S-Z	
17	Tesco (aa)	Foods	
18	Bruton	Property	
19	De La Rue	Industrials A-D	
20	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
21	Macro 4	Electricals	
22	Laing Prop	Property	
23	BTR (aa)	Industrials A-D	
24	BPB Ind (aa)	Building,Roads	
25	Hall Eng	Industrials E-K	
26	Inst Bus Comms	Newspapers,Pub	
27	Miller (Stanley)	Building,Roads	
28	Brake Bros	Foods	
29	Ward White	Drapery,Stores	
30	Tootal	Textiles	
31	STC (aa)	Electricals	
32	Cookson (aa)	Industrials A-D	
33	BOC (aa)	Industrials A-D	
34	St Ives Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
35	Beecham (aa)	Industrials A-D	
36	Davy	Industrials A-D	
37	Staveley	Paper,Print,Adv	
38	Br Telecom (aa)	Electricals	
39	Olives Paper	Paper,Print,Adv	
40	Jarvis (J) & Sons	Building,Roads	
41	Attwoods	Building,Roads	
42	BAA (aa)	Industrials A-D	
43	Imry Merch	Property	
44	Dixons Grp (aa)	Drapery,Stores	

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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Claims required for 48 points
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BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
444	352	Allied-Lyons (aa)	439	442	+2	17.3	3.9	11.5
867	746	Bass (AA)	795	800	+2	28.0	3.5	14.1
50	43	Belhaven	49	49		1.4	2.9	17.5
175	127	Boddington	170	173	-1	4.4	2.5	20.6
207	145	Buckleys				8.2		13.1
185	147	Bulmer (H P)				4.0	2.7	24.1
155	125	Burtonwood Brew	145	150		13.7	3.9	11.7
285	235	Clark (Matthew)				4.0	2.7	28.9
315	265	Devenish (JA)				4.0	2.7	17.6
240	175	Greenall Whitley				9.3		20.1
464	400	Greene King				12.6	3.7	11.1
340	271	Guinness (aa)				9.5	4.1	13.4
128	85	Hardys & Hansons				3.5		19.4
186	156	Highland Dist				7.9		18.4
295	157	Invergordon Dist						
135	124	Irish Dist				3.9	3.1	12.9
137	118	Marston Thompson				10.9	2.1	20.6
251	193	Morland						
275	215	SA Brewries				11.3	3.3	19.2
349	206	Scot & Newc (aa)				21.6b	3.6	16.2
556	468	Vaux Group				14.1	4.6	10.8
316	271	Whitbread 'A' (aa)				13.7	3.3	24.5
430	295	Do 'B'				13.7	3.4	31.3
361	304	Wolverhead Inv				13.2	3.9	17.5
411	358	Wolverhampton & D				12.0	2.5	28.0
480	345	Young 'A'						

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
253	163	Abbey	238	278		17.3	4.5	20.8
408	314	Amec	378	388		14.0	3.6	26.8
456	346	Anglia Sec	436	446		13.3	3.0	19.1
355	308	Anglo Uni				13.3	3.0	19.1
288	228	Arnolds	236	253	+3	8.8	3.5	9.2
355	247	Ashwoods	312	317	+5	8.8	2.8	17.9
288	246	BPB Ind (aa)	282	283	+2	9.6	3.4	13.0
268	208	Bagnall Brick	245	255	+2	9.0	3.5	22.4
85	71	Barratt (Ben) Constr	71	74	+2	2.0	2.7	13.5
178	131	Barratt Devs	168	173		5.0	2.9	22.4
185	161	Bellway				5.0	2.9	22.4
113	85	Bellwood				3.2	3.5	9.2
384	258	Berkeley Gp	368	378		10.0	2.7	12.9
112	83	Bett Bros				3.2	3.5	9.2
460	320	Blackburn				12.0	3.7	10.8
265	200	Blue Circle (aa)	247	248	+2	12.0	4.8	10.8
314	240	Boot (Henry)	310	312	+2	12.0	3.8	10.8
170	157	Bovis PLC	165	167		6.0	3.6	10.8
167	157	Br Dredging				6.0	3.6	10.8
144	115	Brown				4.0	3.5	10.8
115	104	Cafe Royal				4.0	3.5	10.8
194	157	Caledonia Robey				6.0	3.6	10.8
112	73	Carillion				3.2	3.5	9.2
102	78	Chamberlain				3.2	3.5	9.2
195	162	Church Charities				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Clarke Bro				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Comyngate				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Concrete Rdstone				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Cornish Cmnt				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Cosalt				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Costain				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Countryside				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Crest Nicholson				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Crosby James				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Douglas (WM)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Ecrid				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Federated Hsg				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Fraser Gp				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Galliford				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Gibbs & Dandy Ord				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Gleeson (MJ)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Harrison Ind				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Hawden-Stuart				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Heywood Williams				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Higgs & Hill				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	How Gp				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Howard Hdgs				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Hunting Johnson				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Jarvis (J) & Sons				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Laing (J)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Do 'A'				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Lawrence (Walter)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Lilley (F.J.C)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Lovell (Y.J)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Magnet (aa)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Mansfield				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Marley				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Mcasfalte (Holdin)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Meanders (J)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	McAlpine (Alfred)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	McCarthy & S				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Meyer Int				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Miller (Stanley)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Monkland (John)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	MSM				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Newarthill				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Newman Tonks				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Persimmon				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Pochin Timber				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Pochins				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	RMC Gp (aa)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Rains Ind				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Redland (aa)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Robeson				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Rugby Group				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Sindall Perkins				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Smith (S) & Foster				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Smart (J)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Stanley				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Tarmac (aa)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Taylor Woodrow				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Tilbury Group				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Travis & Arnold				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Trans				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Turriff				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Tyneland				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Ward Group				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Ward Hdgs				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Warmingtn				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Watson Steel				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Wates				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Wellington Boveton				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Westbury				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Whatman				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Wilcon Homes				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Wilkinson (Connolly)				6.0	3.6	10.8
195	155	Wimpey G (aa)				6.0	3.6	10.8
127	111	YRM				6.0	3.6	10.8

BRITISH FUNDS

1988 High	Low	Stock	Price	Chge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)						
109¾	99⅝	Treas 9¾%	1988	100⅝		9.48 8.845
102¾	96⅝	Treas 11¾%	1989	101¾		11.3 9.064
102¾	96⅝	Treas 10¾%	1989	101¾		9.92 9.159
102	100⅛	Exch 10%	1988	101¾		9.92 9.256
104⅝	96¾	Exch 10¾%	1989	101¾		10.6 8.821
103⅝	96⅝	Treas 11%	1989	101¾		10.7 9.307
97⅝	95⅝	Treas 5%	1986-89	96⅝		5.18 7.515
101¾	95⅝	Treas C 9¾%	1988	100⅝		9.4 9.224
97¾	94⅞	Treas 3%	1990	98¾		3.06 6.320
102¾	95⅞	Treas 13%	1990	105⅜		10.9 9.516
107¾	99⅜	Exch 13¾%	1990	105⅝		10.7 9.328
104¾	97¾	Exch 11¾%	1990	105⅝		11.9 9.344
107¾	99⅜	Exch 12¾%	1990	105⅝		3.23 7.184
99⅝	91⅛	Treas 8¾%	1987-90	98¾		8.32 8.729
99⅝	94⅜	Treas 10%	1990	101¾		9.87 9.344
103¾	97¾	Exch 2½%	1990	101¾		2.77 7.084
91¾	88⅜	Exch 2½%	1990	102¾		9.7 9.096
107¾	99¾	Treas C 10%	1991	105⅝		11.1 9.373
95⅜	90¾	Fund 5¼%	1987-91	88⅜		18.5 9.363
107¾	100⅜	Exch 11%	1991	103⅝		3.38 7.422
99¾	87⅝	Treas 8%	1991	96⅝		8.3 9.240
99⅜	92¾	Treas 12¾%	1992	110⅝		11.6 9.371
113⅝	104¾	Treas 10%	1992	101¾		9.81 9.357
104¾	96⅞	Treas C10½%	1992	103⅝		10.1 9.378
106⅝	102¾	Treas 9%	1992	94⅝		8.5 9.346
99⅝	92⅝	Treas 8%	1992	96		11.2 9.458
112¾	103⅝	Exch 12¾%	1992	109⅝		11.6 9.471
117¾	107¾	Exch 13¾%	1992	113¾		
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS						
105⅝	98¼	Treas 10%	1993	102¾		9.7 9.386
115⅝	106⅝	Treas 12¾%	1993	112		11.1 9.449
99	86¾	Fund 9%	1993	95⅝		6.56 9.139
121¼	114⅜	Treas 13¾%	1993	117⅝		11.6 9.482
97⅝	95⅝	Treas 8¾%	1994	98		11.9 9.459
125⅝	115⅝	Treas 14¼%	1994	121¼		11.0 9.637
119⅝	106	Exch 13%	1994	117		11.5 9.608
130¼	112¾	Exch 13¾%	1994	121¾		9.15 9.536
101¾	95⅝	Treas 9%	1994	99⅝		8.76 9.440
105⅝	98¾	Treas 10¾%	1995	101¾		10.7 9.613
114⅝	105⅝	Treas 12%	1995	111¾		3.73 6.618
82⅝	79	Treas 3%	1995-98	79		3.8 6.329
109⅝	99	Exch 10¾%	1995	103⅝		10.9 9.583
120¾	112¾	Treas 12¾%	1995	118¾		11.4 9.742
126¼	116⅝	Treas 14%	1996	122¾		9.1 9.353
101⅜	93⅝	Treas 9%	1992-96	98⅝		11.7 9.725
133⅛	124¾	Exch 15%	1996	129⅝		11.9 8.647
125⅛	115⅜	Exch 13¾%	1996	119¾		
86	83⅜	Comp 10%	1996	102⅝		9.7 9.563
105⅝	99	Treas 8¾%	1997	103⅝	C	
98⅝	96¾	Treas 8¾%	1997	120⅝		10.9 9.671
124⅝	115⅝	Treas 13¾%	1997	105	+⅛	8.9 9.822
108¾	97¾	Exch 10¾%	1997	95⅝		9.1 9.479
98⅝	90¾	Treas 8%	1997	130⅝		11.4 9.646
134⅛	125⅛	Exch 15%	1997	84¾		7.8 9.564
87¾	81⅛	Treas 6¾%	1995-98	100⅛		9.8 9.610
103⅝	96⅝	Exch 9¾%	1998	135⅝		11.3 9.816
140⅝	129⅝	Treas 15¾%	1998	114⅝		10.4 9.729
119¼	111¼	Exch 12%	1998	100¾		9.45 9.440
103⅞	96⅞	Treas 9¾%	1998	100⅝		10.5 9.714
120¾	110⅝	Exch 12¾%	1998	105⅝		9.92 9.629
109⅝	102⅝	Treas 10¾%	1999	104¾		8.8 9.598
107⅞	100⅝	Conv 10%	1999	95¾	+⅛	9.4 9.749
96⅞	89¾	Treas 8%	2000	92⅝		10.5 9.749
126⅜	117	Treas 13%	2000	97		8.2 9.426
89⅝	82⅝	Conv 10%	2001	103⅝		9.6 9.520
106⅞	97	Treas 9%	2001	101¾		10.5 9.570
104⅞	98	Conv 9¾%	2001	100⅝		11.1 9.535
129⅝	122⅝	Treas 14%	1998-2001	105⅝		9.2 9.388
99⅛	93⅜	Exch 10%	2002	96¾		9.6 9.493
107⅝	100⅝	Conv 10%	2002	103⅝		10.4 9.729
118¾	110⅝	Exch 12%	1999 - 2002	114⅜		9.5 9.488
105⅜	96⅛	Treas 9¾%	2002	102¼	+⅛	
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS						
108	100	Treas 10%	2003	104⅜	+⅛	9.5 9.410
131½	121⅛	Treas 13¾%	2000	127⅝	+⅛	10.7 9.763
117¾	107⅞	Treas 11¾%	2001	113⅝	+⅛	10.1 9.805
108¾	100⅛	Treas 10%	2004	105⅝	+⅛	9.5 9.223
59¼	54¾	Fund 3½%	1999-2004	101¾	+⅛	9.3 9.348
104¾	97¾	Conv 9¾%	2004	101¾	+⅛	9.6 9.327
104¾	97¾	Conv 9¾%	2005	101¾	+⅛	9.6 9.315
113¾	103¾	Exch 10¾%	2005	109⅝	+⅛	10.0 9.495
128⅛	119⅝	Treas 12¾%	2000-13	124⅝	+⅛	9.9 9.239
91⅞	85⅛	Treas 8%	2002	89⅝	+⅛	9.0 9.230
106⅜	99¼	Conv 9¾%	2006	103¾	+⅛	9.5 9.480
121¼	113⅝	Treas 11¾%	2003	117⅝	+⅛	9.9 9.162
96⅛	89⅝	Treas 8¼%	2007	94	+⅛	10.1 9.455
137	125⅝	Treas 13½%	2004	132¼	+⅛	9.11 9.116
101¼	94	Treas 9%	2008	98⅝	+⅛	9.1 9.142
92⅝	83⅝	Conv 8%	2009	89⅝	+⅛	9.1 9.012
101⅛	93⅝	Conv 9%	2011	98⅝	+⅛	8.89 9.058
89⅜	82⅝	Treas 8%	2008-12	86⅝	+⅛	9.3 9.209
89⅝	82⅝	Treas 7¾%	2012-15	86⅝	+⅛	9.4 9.209
130⅝	121⅞	Exch 12%	2013-17	127¼	+⅛	
UNDATED						
44¾	41¾	Consols	3½%	43⅝		8.0
39⅝	37¼	War Ln	3½%	38⅝		9.0
34⅝	32¼	Conv	3%	33⅝		8.9
33¾	30¾	Treas	3½%	32⅞		8.9
28⅜	26⅜	Consols	2½%	27¼		8.97
28⅜	25⅜	Treas	2½%	27¼		
INDEX-LINKED						
121⅝	117⅞	Treas IL 2%	1990	121¼		2.3 0.799
103⅝	98¾	Treas IL 2%	1996	102¾		2.36 2.154
138	127⅝	Treas IL 2½%	1996	139		3.29 2.588
114⅝	103¾	Treas IL 2½%	2001	114¾		3.7 3.642
111¾	101¾	Treas IL 2½%	2006	112¾		3.86 3.711
112¾	102¾	Treas IL 2½%	2009	105⅝		3.6 3.749
105⅝	95⅞	Treas IL 2½%	2009	105⅝		3.6 3.747
109¾	99⅜	Treas IL 2½%	2011	109¾		3.6 3.737
98⅝	89¾	Treas IL 2½%	2016	97⅝		3.6 3.715
98⅝	89¾	Treas IL 2½%	2020	96¾		3.6 3.695
80⅝	73	Treas IL 2½%	2024	80		3.7 3.822

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
241	195	Allied Irish	235	243		22.7	9.3	11.9
214	155	Anglo Leasing	205	212		27	3.4	34.2
64	54	Antibastos (Henry)	210	214	+2			
214	137	Aus New Z	197½					
231	184	Bank of Ireland	215	217	+1			
350	341	Bank Ldnd Israel	345	350		17.0	4.9	11.5
493	333	Bank Of Scotland	487	497	+7	16.3	4.3	8.6
64	46	Bank Of Wales	60	62		3.7	5.8	9.2
450	350	Barclays (aa)	418	422		23.0	7.5	12.7
39	25	Benchmark	37	39		14.0	3.9	13.5
435	350	Brown Shipley	390	410	+11			16.6
78	47	Cl Nat Mortgage	260	280	+2	30.9	9.1	10.7
369	340	Cater Allen	360	370		24	5.5	11.6
71	54	Cater	70	74				
161	114	Close Manhattan	134	144				
132	97	Close	132	134		6.2	3.8	21.4
200	180	Close Bros	178	4				
79⅜	65¼	Commercial	136⅜					
148	114	Deutsche Bank	135	141	+1	23	8.8	13.2
360	74	Equity & Gen	260	270	+8	12.8	4.5	8.7
88	62	First Nat Finance	82	86		3.5	4.5	8.1
2435	2250	GKN	2350	2370	-3	120	5.1	10.6
288	237	Gerrard Nat	261	263		12.6	4.5	10.8
59	42	Hambros	48	50		1.8	3.7	17.8
443	415	HK Shanghai	415	419		18.3	4.3	14.1
158	138	Joseph (Leopold)	137	140	-1	5.9	4.2	9.7
408	317	King & Shaxson	385	400		18.1	5.9	13.6
315	237	Kleinwort Benson	305	310	+12	13.5	5.9	13.6
57	45	Lloyds (aa)	46	48		2.5	6.2	9.6
446	398	Lon Scot Bk	443	447	+11	27.5	6.2	36.8
354	330	Midland (aa)	335	337	+1	14.9	4.5	
397	353	Morgan Grenfell	375	378	+2			
369	337	Nat West Bk	357	359	+11	19.9	5.7	10.1
111	75	Provident	77	80	+2	6.6	11	15.2
195	147	Rea Bros	180	187	+6	10.7	5.8	7.8
		Rothschild (J) Hld						

ELECTRICALS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
468	340	AB Elect	406	420		18.5	4.5	17.4
398	341	ABB Inst	92	97	+2	4.8	3.6	14.0
129	87	Admiral Comp	108	114	-1	6.6	5.9	12.8
116	88	Alba	106	110		4.7	4.5	14.6
315	217	Alphameric	285	288	+1	12	0.8	12.1
211	113	Amstrad (aa)	111	115	+3	2.7	2.4	11.9
114	93	Apricot Computers	135	142		34b	24	12.5
170	110	Arlen						

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
144	106	Allied Colloids	138	141	+3	3.1	2.2	15.7
566	441	Amersham	450	454	+2	7.9	3.0	13.9
1157	930	BTP	1130	1137	+3			16.8
93¾	79	Bayer (DM50	93¾					
155	118	Biagdon	153	160		3.5	2.2	12.5
235	188	Brent Chems	216	222		7.0	3.2	18.3
355	285	Cookson	339	343	+10	10.5	3.1	13.8
97	71	Coates Bros	91	93		1.8	2.0	37.9
215	172	Coates (Horace)	205	207	+6	12.3	6.0	14.5
191	146	Ellis & Everard	188	191	+2	8.1	4.3	13.6
268	205	Evode	262	265		14.5	5.5	15.0
191	146	Fosseco-Minsep	188	191		9.2	4.9	12.1
205	155	Hamilton (James)	202	205		7.0	3.4	15.4
89½	79½	Hoechst (DM5)	89½					
11¾	947	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	1050	1054	+2	56.2	5.3	9.1
257	200	Laporte (aa)	238	240	-2	16.4	6.8	11.5
257	159	Leigh	238	240		7.5	2.9	16.9
15½	12	Norsk Hydro	14½	15				
166	133	Pacific Hldgs	160	165				
205	144	Plessey	198	200		11	5.5	10.5
197	172	Rentokil	190	192		5.5	2.8	18.1
174	121	Scientific Spectrum	168	170	-1	3.1	1.8	10.1
1½	1	Wiggins Teape	1½					
278	218	Yorkshire Chem	251	253	+12	9.6	3.8	11.7
133	105	Yule Catto	127	132		4.1	3.2	12.7

CINEMAS, TV

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
183	150	Anglia TV 'A'	180	185	+10	8.0	4.4	25.4
568	447	Central TV	555	565	+2	30.1	5.5	9.9
1½	1	Chrysalis	1½	1⅝	+⅛	3.4	7.2	7.2
1⅝	1⅛	HTV Group	1⅝	1¾	+⅛	14.1	8.5	8.2
1½	1	LWT Hldgs	1½	1⅝	+⅛	6.7	5.0	6.7
1⅝	1⅛	Scot TV	1⅝	1¾	+⅛	17.1	7.2	8.7
1½	1	TSW	1½	1⅝	+⅛	9.8	7.1	7.1
385	300	Thames TV	375	385		17.0	4.5	9.8
173	129	TV-AM	165	175		7.5	4.7	7.2
313	254	Tyne Tees TV	277	287		15.7	5.5	8.8
246	186	Ulster TV	230	240		10.7	6.9	7.1
		Yorkshire TV	175	183				

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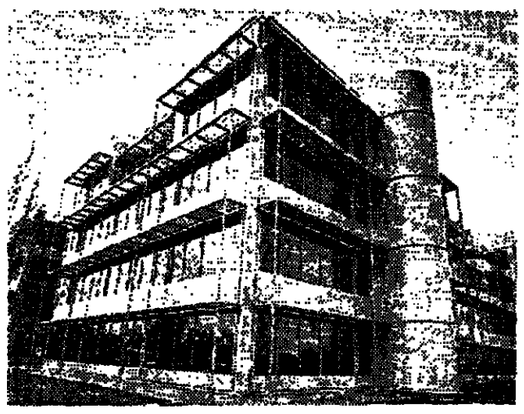
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408	337	Alexon	388	393		10.7	2.7	12.7
93	67	Amber Day	77	81		3.2	3.9	14.4
46	32	Arcadia 'A'	37	39		1.1	3.2	17.6
67	47	Ashley (Laura)	60	62		1.6	2.6	21.0
385	274	Austin Reed	374	385		11.5	3.1	13.8
		Do 'A'	374	385		11.5	3.1	13.8
355	274	Beales (James) 'A'	353	358		11.5	3.2	27.4
188	141	Benetts	183	187		4.

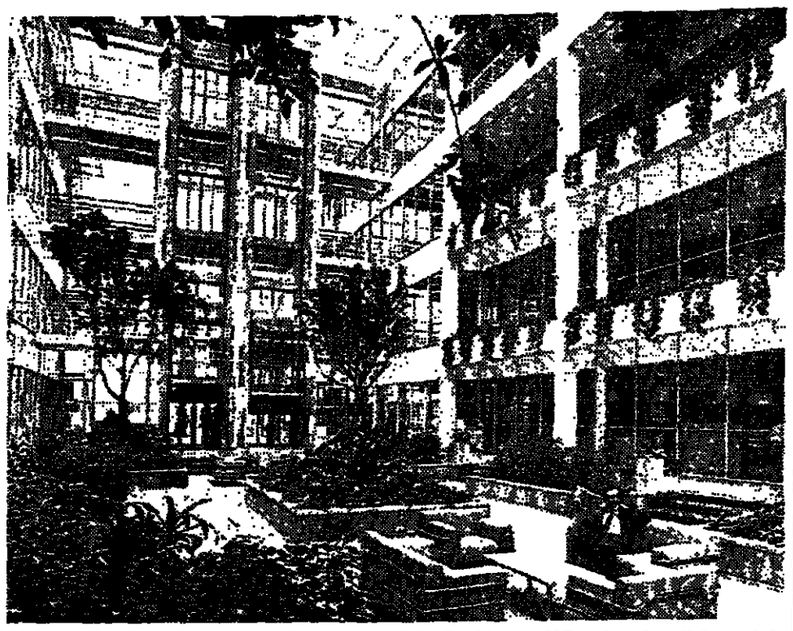
AIR SAFETY

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A SPECIAL REPORT

Building for better flights





Change of scene: the spacious atrium, above, of the CAA's new £25m air safety HQ, top left

The Civil Aviation Authority's safety regulation group acts as watchdog for millions of air passengers. Its new headquarters building, which overlooks Gatwick Airport, is being opened by the Duke of Gloucester today

Keeping Britain's 7,500 registered aircraft and 10,000 professional pilots flying safely is not a job that can be left to chance.

Despite the occasional highly publicized accident or potential disaster, flying remains one of the safest forms of travel enabling millions of scheduled and charter passengers as well as private pilots and even balloonists to board their aircraft knowing that it is well-built, properly maintained, and flown to strict standards.

The 640 men and women whose job it is to ensure that those standards are maintained, are employed by the Civil Aviation Authority and now work in a spacious new building overlooking Gatwick airport.

"We can now see the aircraft and the passengers in a way which brings home even more the importance of what we are doing," said one of the staff of the Safety Regulation Group.

Until now the group has been split between two offices in Redhill and three in London, making communication difficult and slow and adding to the cost of the operation. The change meant that many staff had to move house to be within commuting distance of Gatwick and with a reorganization of the group's management structure being introduced at the same time they could have been forgiven for being confused and even upset by the sudden change in their lifestyles.

Surprisingly, however, the move has gone far more smoothly than anyone dared hope and the open-plan offices with their soothing grey and pink colour schemes as well as the high-class restaurant and American-style atrium with trees and plants reaching up to the roof have improved morale and led to a marked increase in efficiency.

In order to limit the amount of change the staff must put up with at one time, the CAA has introduced a temporary management structure which will gradually change over the coming months until it reaches its peak efficiency, including the computerization of tens of thousands of records, by the beginning of next year.

Every aspect of flying is covered by the group, from tiny micro-light aircraft, balloons and private aircraft through to the 600 big jets operating on the British register.

When an aircraft is built, the design and manufacturing division must ensure that it meets the stringent safety regulations developed over the years. Nothing can fly until it has received an official certificate of airworthiness.

Highly skilled test pilots, all of whom have been through the Empire Test Pilots School, put the aircraft through their paces, subjecting them to every imaginable problem they could face and ensuring they have the back-up systems, electronics and navigation aids capable of over-coming even the worst conditions they may encounter in flight.

Electronics engineers check their systems and the incidents and accidents from throughout the world are analysed to see if they reveal any changes which could be made to the aircraft flying with the letter G — showing they are British.

Maintenance engineers, all with at least 10 years experience in the industry, make regular inspections of aircraft as they are maintained in airline hangers and maintenance sheds and have the power to prevent any aircraft from leaving if they believe it has not been thoroughly and properly checked and maintained.

Inspectors from the flight operations department make constant unannounced trips on the flight decks of commercial aircraft to ensure that the pilots are doing their jobs properly, following the approved method of handling the aircraft and that there are no mechanical and regular operating problems in flight.

As new methods of operating aircraft — such as long journeys over water with just two engines — come into force, the operations regulation policy department draws up detailed rules for their use and check that they have missed no unforeseen problem.

Parachuting, ballooning and micro-light flights are the responsibility of the sporting and recreational aviation department, which must ensure that no over-enthusiastic amateur builds an aircraft of any sort which could pose a danger either to himself or, more importantly, anyone on the ground.

Before any professional pilot can take to the air he or she must be fully licensed and a constant stream of new pilots flows into the new headquarters to sit tough examinations.

Engineers must also be licensed before they can be let loose on aircraft engines, structures or systems and even the airfields themselves must be checked to ensure that they comply fully with the regulations governing navigational aids, lighting, taxiways and general safety.

There is now a growing move towards "harmonization" of safety standards throughout Europe so that passengers flying on French, German, Italian, Dutch, British or other countries' aircraft will know that the same high level of safety is maintained.

From smoke hoods — which the CAA is still not convinced are the real answer — to metal fatigue, pilots working hours and helicopter engine maintenance schedules, the men and women now settling in to the functional new building on the edge of Gatwick airport, are the real experts.

Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

How risks are cut to a minimum

Test pilots are lightning-fast to appraise a situation, just as they tend to stand by their decisions which is hardly surprising.

What might be surprising to some is the view of Peter Harper, who heads the Civil Aviation Authority's team of test fliers, about the risks involved in the testing of aircraft for the UK civil register. Driving on London's orbital motorway is more dangerous, he says.

He explains: "I think that doing our job as certification test pilots is safer than driving on the M25. I would certainly rather fly in the air during flight-testing than drive on the M25."

Of course, this may be because when Harper and his seven test pilot colleagues use the M25, they have to share the highway with some motorists who take the sort of dicey chances the top fliers would never consider.

Harper, aged 46 — who as a test pilot uses the title "Mister" — brushes to one side the glamour-boy image often associated with men doing his job. As head of flight department at the CAA safety regulation group's (SRG) new Gatwick headquarters, he is quick to point out the role played by engineers and so many others in the CAA's ongoing drive for a safer aviation industry.

He will tell how 30 or more among his staff based in the new building are also general aviation pilots, although most don't have a role as a pilot within the CAA.

Aviation is not just a job but also a pastime for those like Chief Surveyor John Saull, head of Maintenance Standards Department, who flies an Auster light aircraft.

Design liaison surveyor Dick Nesbitt-Dufort, a paraplegic who lost the use of his legs in an accident while in the Army, regularly flies a specially-equipped Aircoupe.

Mr Harper and his team follow a line of well-known and remarkable test pilots who served with the CAA and the old Air Registration Board (ARB), then Airworthiness Requirements Board, which in 1972 became Airworthiness Division of the CAA.

Apart from aircraft types coming on to the British register for the first time, such as the newest-technology "fly-by-wire" A320 Airbus and the British Aerospace BAe-ATP advanced turboprop, the CAA's test crews also continue to fly tests in individual airliners that have been in service for some time.

These include Concorde, Boeing 747 jumbos, other wide-bodies like TriStars, DC-10s, Airbus 300s and 310s and Boeing 737s and 757s. Chief Test Pilot Mike Bell is one of four "big aircraft" test pilots who fly these and other aircraft.

But the overall CAA test team also handles aircraft from business-jets and microlights to helicopters and airships. Spot checks can be made on from the largest to the smallest aircraft at any time.

> "I think that doing our job as certification test pilots is safer than driving on the M25"

Mr Harper, who has remained an active test pilot since taking over as head of flight department, has himself just returned from the US, where he flew flight tests of two UK airships which are operating on the British register while being used in America.

Mike Bell has just completed the CAA's involvement in flight-testing and certificating the 150-seater A320 Airbus, built by the European planemakers consortium which includes British Aerospace.

Part of the unique advanced technology of the new twinjet airliner, first ordered by British Caledonian and now in service with British Airways, is its fly-by-wire (FBW) control, and the pilots' sidestick controllers.

Fly-By-Wire means that the pilots operate surface controls like flaps, ailerons and rudder from the cockpit via computers and linked by many miles of electric wires. The new system has replaced the rods, levers, pulleys and hydraulics previously used in aircraft to operate flight controls.

FBW is activated by the pilots operating a simple stubby control stick or lever, mounted to the left of the leftside (captain's) seat and to the right of the rightside (co-pilot's) seat. The sidestick has been introduced to give pilots much greater control, and with other new technology leaves cockpit crew less vulnerable to making mistakes.

The A320's new electronic flight instruments system (EFIS) has stall protection to prevent the aircraft flying too slow, and bank angle limits — so that the jet can't be manoeuvred unwittingly beyond the capabilities of the FBW system.

Mr Harper's flight department of 30 includes flight test engineers like John Denning and flight engineering specialists who write the requirements that the test pilots and flight test engineers assess, relative to British Civil Airworthiness Requirements (BCARS).

Mr Harper says: "Our flight test engineers who fly with the pilots are exposed to exactly the same risks as the pilots".

Test-flying an aircraft involves covering the whole spectrum of the flight envelope. "We fly it through its speed range, from looking at the stalling characteristics of the aircraft, up to the high speed," he says.

Some manoeuvres which might be included in putting an aircraft through its test paces are far beyond the limits that will be expected of its performance in airline service.

Mr Harper is aware always of the heavy responsibility of his flight test team. Especially, he says, as "they are expected to evaluate the aircraft fully — without breaking it."

Frank Robson

WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SAFETY

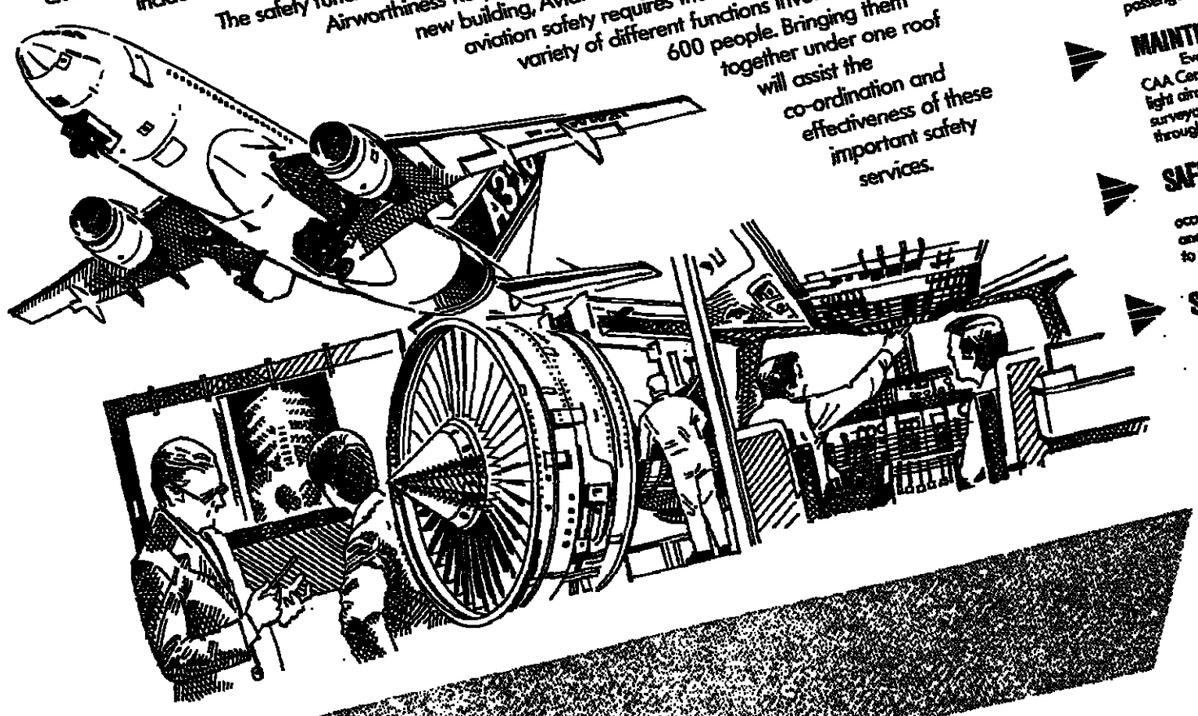
Britain has one of the best aviation safety records in the world, but there is always room for improvement. In fact, in seven of the last ten years there has not been a single fatality to an airline passenger on a British-registered aeroplane. Nevertheless the search continues to raise standards even further.

Success in aviation safety is partly due to the advance of aircraft technology, but is largely the result of ever increasing experience plus careful control and monitoring.

The Civil Aviation Authority's Safety Regulation Group sets the standards to be followed in all aspects of flying – the people, the machines and the operating environment – and ensures that these standards are observed.

The aim of the Safety Regulation Group is that standards should be as high as is practically achieveable within current knowledge and technical ability. For example, the CAA has the extremely exacting criterion that all possible faults in an aircraft system should not cause a catastrophic incident in 10 million flying hours.

The safety functions of the CAA, plus the European Secretariat for Joint Airworthiness Requirements, have now been centralised in a single new building, Aviation House, Gatwick. The regulation of aviation safety requires the close co-ordination of a variety of different functions involving more than 600 people. Bringing them together under one roof will assist the co-ordination and effectiveness of these important safety services.



OPERATING STANDARDS
The CAA's 57 Flight Operations Inspectors, who are themselves highly experienced pilots, assess when an airline should be granted a CAA Air Operator's Certificate and monitor the operator to see that standards are maintained. Every British airline must have an AOC before fare-paying passengers can be carried.

LICENSING
The CAA licenses both professional and private pilots and approves certain flying schools. It also examines and licenses aircraft maintenance engineers. All UK airports and aerodromes used for passenger transport or flying instruction are licensed by the CAA.

MEDICAL
The physical and psychological fitness of aircrew and air traffic controllers is closely monitored by the aviation health specialists in the CAA's Medical Department.

DESIGN AND MANUFACTURE
Each type of aircraft and engine is thoroughly investigated before it is allowed to fly. 110 highly qualified surveyors work with manufacturers to ensure high standards of airworthiness. Each new aircraft type is issued with a type certificate which covers not only all aspects of its design, engineering and manufacture, but also its handling and performance to show that it is truly safe to fly. The CAA sponsors and co-ordinates research programmes on passenger safety.

MAINTENANCE
Every British registered aircraft must have a valid CAA Certificate of Airworthiness, renewable annually or, for light aircraft, on a three-year basis. A further 80 CAA surveyors monitor maintenance standards from area offices throughout the UK.

SAFETY DATA ANALYSIS
The Safety Data and Analysis Unit gathers data on occurrences and incidents as well as accidents. These are analysed to ensure that lessons are learned and spread on to the industry.

SPORTING AND GENERAL AVIATION
As well as regulating commercial aircraft, the CAA is also concerned with sporting and general aviation, including light aircraft, helicopters, microlights, gliders, hang-gliders and parachutists. The aim is to ensure acceptable standards of safety with the minimum of interference.

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FOCUS AIR SAFETY

The new £23 million building will add to air safety, says Frank Robson



Christopher Turgendhat: chairman of the CAA



John Chaplin: group director of safety services

Making the busy skies even safer

The eye-catching new building close to Gatwick Airport's old but famous Beehive terminal has an atrium as its central point, with vast cathedral-like space beneath its glass roof, four storeys high.

While the new headquarters of the Civil Aviation Authority's Safety Regulation Group hardly resembles a place of worship, it might well be looked upon as something of a shrine – to the living.

For the purpose of the just-completed £23 million SRG building, and the 600 staff it brings together in a vital integration move, is the safety of the millions of air travellers.

The staff, among them experienced pilots, engineers, surveyors and technicians, designers, researchers and doctors, have been brought together under one roof from three separate locations in five buildings – two office blocks in Kingsway, London, two other buildings at Redhill, Surrey, and at Stansted Airport, Essex.

Now those staff who were previously obliged to make do with the telephone for important consultations, are working together.

The new Aviation House building being opened today by the Duke of Gloucester, also becomes the base for the permanent secretariat of the European Joint Airworthiness Requirements, the common airworthiness code now used by 12 European countries.

John Chaplin, as group director, heads the new structure which focuses on four standards divisions. These govern design and manufacturing standards, maintenance and airworthiness of aircraft and equipment; aircraft operations, licensing and testing of pilots and other flightcrew; and aerodrome licensing. With, always, the emphasis on safety.

Other sections of the authority, based in London, handle air traffic control, economic regulation of airlines, and tour operators.

The CAA, with a total staff of 6,300, is the statutory regulating authority for the administration of civil avition in the United Kingdom. It is an autonomous body, which gets no funds from the Government but operates as a non profit-making commercial concern, aiming for a small return on capital.

The aviation industry is charged for the regulatory service provided by the CAA, which in the end, of course, means that the cost is added to the price air tickets.

"We regulate the men and women, the machines and, as far as possible, the environment they work in," says the authority.

Mr Chaplin and his staff are clearly happy to be installed in the new headquarters, and with its pleasant working environment. The building, completed in the stipulated 19 months, on land owned by the CAA, is immediately adjacent to the Authority's Telecommunications Engineering Establishment, as well as being close to the circular and aptly-named Beehive – which is now a listed building.

The four-storey SRG building comprises two separate rectangular blocks which embrace the central atrium from each side, not unlike a giant pair of bookends. Some 115,000 sq ft of accommodation is provided in the pair of office wings.

The aim of architects, The Fitzroy Robinson Partnership, has been to provide a building which contributes directly to improving the efficiency of the Safety Regulation Group, and fosters improved communication between staff.

The outside appearance of the building is designed to be bold and modern. The high-tech facades of tinted glass for solar control and powder-coated aluminium panels contribute to its contemporary appearance. The interior, while purposeful, is particularly impressive.

With the constrained Gatwick site, the use of an atrium – which runs the full length of the building – maximizes natural light penetration into the office space and provides the ideal opportunity to create an attractive feature, without adding to the overall cost.

There are informal seating areas between plants and semi-tropical trees, and with trailing plants from the surrounding galleries, the cavernous glass-topped and glass-fronted atrium, including its free-standing "see-through" lifts, resembles the central complex of some big American hotels.

It is an aesthetically-pleasing building, air-conditioned with controlled temperature. Cooling the double-glazed office block interior in summer is as important as heating in winter. Sun shading devices attached above each window level on the elevations form a continuous sunshade, while adding interest and variety to the external appearance of the building. The sunshades also reduce the air-conditioning load from the building, important both in conserving energy and reducing running costs. One side of the building overlooks farmland.

Furniture in the new HQ is all system-designed, and staff facilities include an excellent restaurant and coffee lounge, a recreation room, shower rooms, and a cash dispensing machine. The open plan layout in the building meant maximizing natural light, says Mike Overall, head of SRG's Support Services Division. The accent has been in making the building functional, while pleasant to work in.

The structural engineers for the building are Ove Arup and Partners, the quantity surveyors Monk Dunstone Associates, interior design is by the Fletcher McNeece Partnership, and the main contractor Bovis Construction.

They reflect in the delight of the CAA chairman, Christopher Tugendhat, and his newly integrated safety teams that the building was ready for occupation on time, and on cost.

Private fliers taking off

As the summer months leave the holiday jetliners queueing for "slots" in the aerial highways, the sky becomes a busier place also for the thousands of general aviation fliers, *writes Frank Robson*. These include *private and weekend pilots*. Most of the time these enthusiasts must stay clear of controlled airspace in which commercial aircraft operate. Of the total 12,169 aircraft on the British register, 612 are airliners, 2,462 other types of public-transport planes, including air taxies, and 419 public-transport helicopters. The rest, including 2,609 privately owned aircraft are used by flying clubs, flying schools and, under an assortment of other arrangements, by amateur enthusiasts.

The recent sharp increase in fatal accidents involving light aircraft has led to a study by the CAA, which is worried by the number of apparently random mishaps.

Its chairman, Christopher Tugendhat, wants to determine whether there might be any "common threads" and what might be done, either by the authority or by the private flying community to reduce the trend.

The vital checks that could lose a licence

Anyone in Britain setting up in business as an airline or as an air taxi operator, must first have an Air Operator's Certificate (AOC) from the Civil Aviation Authority, *writes Frank Robson*. And it is the authority's flight operations inspectors, highly experienced pilots with an airline background, who help to decide if they are suitable candidates.

Granting of the certificate confirms that the new airline operator is considered to have not only satisfactory financing, but the necessary managerial and technical resources to ensure air safety.

In its role as "safety auditor", the inspectorate also monitors the airline's activities, making sure that the regulations are carefully observed. An airline captain, apart from undergoing the regular flight and medical examinations necessary for the upkeep of his air transport pilot's licence (ATPL), can expect checks which examine his other important responsibility as an aircraft's commander.

The inspectors, who have now moved their base from London to the CAA's Safety Regulation Group's new Gatwick HQ, continuously monitor aircraft both in the UK and abroad.

Checks carried out by the inspectors include noting crew licences and medical certificates, as well as checking the aircraft's airworthiness and maintenance certificates and technical log.

They ensure that the correct safety equipment is being carried, such as fire extinguishers, life jackets and passenger briefing leaflets. They note too the navigation plans, and whether cabin crew challenge passengers who exceed the hand-baggage allowance.

A flight ops inspector said: "We aim not to make a nuisance of ourselves, and in no circumstances to cause unnecessary delays. But if we think a flight may be unsafe for any reason, we have the powers to stop it taking place."

Action against offending operators can be severe. "The CAA can suspend the airline's licence – or revoke it, meaning the operator would be stopped from trading."

The authority has recently expressed its concern to British airlines that its guidelines for pilots' working hours should be strictly observed in the interests of safety.

Airlines are being left in no doubt that the CAA might not hesitate to take away certificates of those failing to meet proper safety standards.



Testing time: a flier undergoes checks at the medical centre

When an overnight jetliner flight from faraway places is so smooth that not just the passengers snooze, but the pilots also, then the safety experts want to know why.

Both pilots of a British jetliner slept for 20 minutes above the North Atlantic some years ago, awakened suddenly by a flight deck alarm bell warning that their speed had increased.

CAA safety chiefs learned of the incident through a scheme which encourages fliers to admit when they have made a mistake.

The CAA sponsors the Chirp owning-up scheme (Confidential Human-Factors Incident Reporting Procedure), which is run by the RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine at Farnborough.

Cockpit and other aircrew are required to have regular medicals carried out by CAA doctors – one of the functions which has now switched to the authority's SRG HQ at Aviation House, Gatwick.

Though a pilot has passed a CAA examination to gain his air transport pilot's licence (ATPL), his ability as a flier is regularly checked by a flight examiner, one of the CAA's team of former airline pilots.

The huge experience of the examiners, captains all, has made them particularly familiar with the requirements and demands flying makes on airline and commercial pilots.

They also check the airlines' training captains and the ground-installed flight simulators equipment which nowadays provides pilots with flying experience almost as real as handling an aircraft. They can demand to fly with crew at a moment's notice to monitor competence.

Flight engineers are examined by engineer licensing to check that they too can continue to perform their flying role satisfactorily.

The 15 flight-examiner pilots, until recently part of the CAA flying unit at Stansted, have now also moved their headquarters to the SRG Group building at Gatwick, with the flight crew licensing department, although many will continue to operate from various regional test centres.

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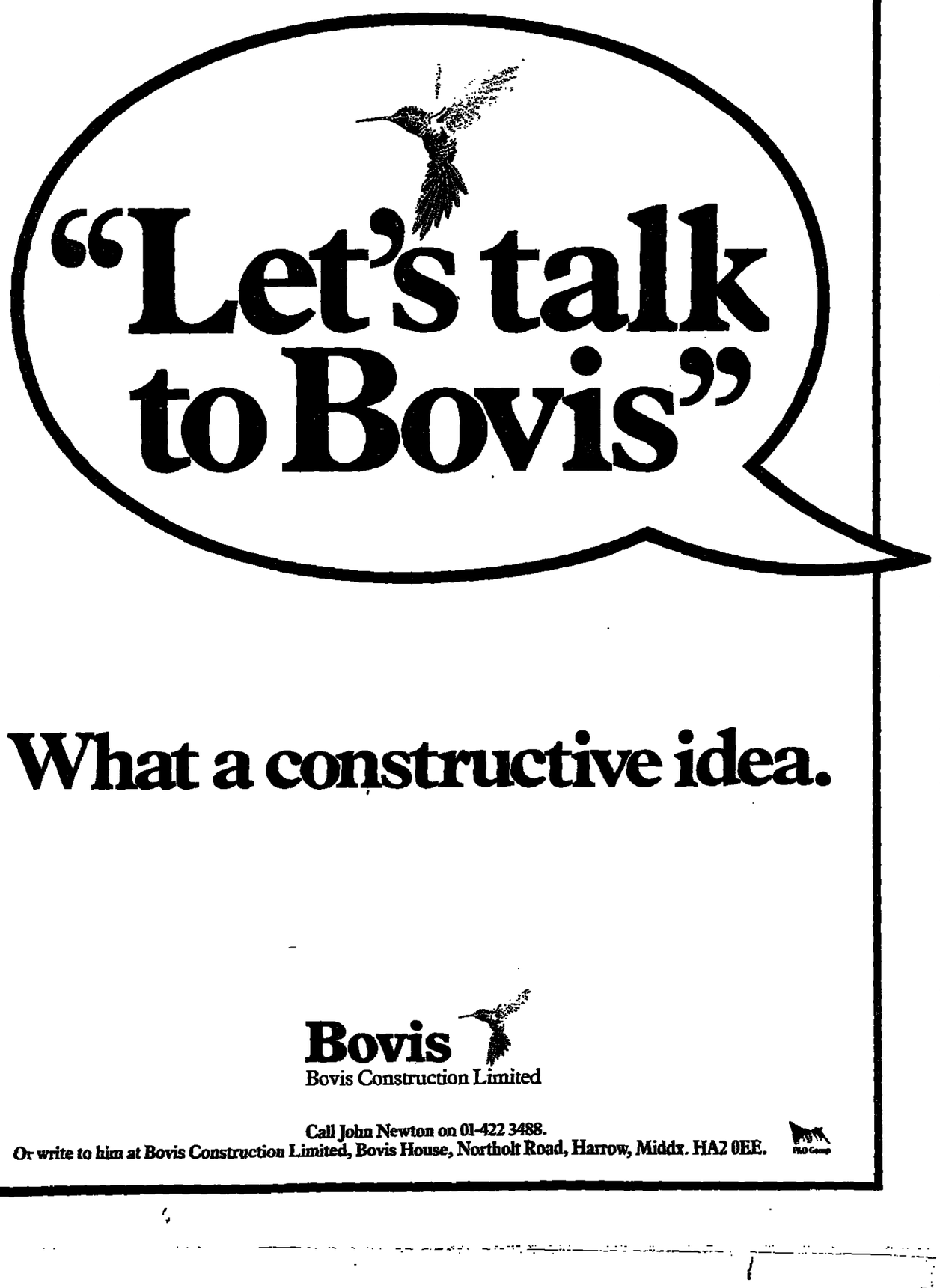
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John Skae, a City director, puts forward a plan to retain and foster the loyalty of senior managers in a changing world

Cash rewards are more acceptable than perks as executives' incentives



Many of the management techniques that worked well 20, 10 or even five years ago now need to be looked at again. Eighteen months ago we decided to take a look at our existing system for paying and rewarding senior staff. The intention was to keep what was good (if anything), refine those elements that were worth refining, and introduce new measures to keep us abreast of changes in the outside world.

Our basic stance was that we live in a changing, competitive world. Business needs to be quick-footed to keep up with — and anticipate — changing circumstances. Managers who can best help businesses to cope with this should be rewarded in relation to the efforts they make.

Our approach in re-designing our pay structure for senior managers boils down to three elements:

- Pay a market-related, basic salary based on a clearly defined job
- Award extra payments to those who consistently meet or exceed set performance objectives
- Phase out or modify other traditional perks such as mortgages and cars unless they were very tax-effective or essential in the market-place.

If such a scheme is to work there must be a means of measuring the effectiveness of every individual's work. An integral part of our new approach is the senior management review scheme. This looks at how every individual performs against previously agreed objectives and his or her job accountabilities. The setting of these objectives is, in itself, a useful management discipline. It focuses attention on the company's business objectives, and it is against this background that individual targets are set.

This first step results in agreed objectives and job accountabilities. A basis is therefore provided both for assessing and improving performance and also determining that portion of the remuneration that related to performance.

The next step is to establish a "fully effective" base salary. The basic pay is based on the "going rate" in the open market for the particular job that has been defined. It has to take account of what the sector as a whole is paying. By "fully effective" we mean what would be paid to someone who is fully operational.

Managers who start at a lower level could expect two or three large rises in the first two or three years to bring them to this level.

Once the "fully effective" level has been reached there will be no further increases unless external factors change and the base salary is re-aligned to take account of movements in the market-place. Beyond this point, the performance-related element is brought into play.

These take the form of one-off annual cash payments. Only significant payments will be made — and it is expected that less than half of the managers will receive them. There is nothing automatic about them; they are intended as a true reward for success.

The amount of bonus, which is not pensionable, is based on three things — the performance of the company as a whole, the performance of the unit in which the individual works, and the performance of the individual.

Fundamental to the concept of rewarding by direct cash payments is the phasing-out of other perks. At one time, perks were a way of dealing with a personal taxation system that seemed designed to penalize effort. This is no longer necessary, and perks are now old hat. If people are given the money they deserve they can spend it exactly as they wish.

Cars are an interesting example. Under the new system cars are now leased, with managers having a standard annual allowance against the cost of the total charge. If individual managers want extras, or if they want a more expensive car, then they must pay an extra amount from their salary.

This means that the kind of car a manager drives reflects his own needs, style or personality — but the size and cost of his car are not a reflection of his status any more.

We have also abandoned the old subsidized house purchase scheme for senior managers. Again, at one time this was a necessary perk, but now that mortgages are no longer difficult to obtain there is no longer the same need for company mortgages. All interest rates on Legal & General mortgages for senior managers have now been raised to a commercial rate and all new mortgages have to be obtained outside the company.

Again, mortgages were an indiscriminate way of rewarding performance. The man with the biggest mortgage, and therefore the biggest benefit, was not necessarily the most effective or committed manager. A pensionable salary increase of £3,000 per annum has been given in compensation to buy out this and other fringe benefits.

These are the main changes, though there are others — for example, the old scheme gave a discontinuity if the manager was made redundant 10 years from his normal retirement date. The new scheme gives the equivalent of two months' salary per completed year of service up to a maximum of two years' salary and no special enhancement to the pension.

The opportunity provided by the new scheme was also used to make other changes both in management and monetary terms. There is now no specific disciplinary procedure. Season ticket loans are no longer given; our relocation scheme is based on payments necessary to achieve the group's overall objectives. The principle that underlines these changes is that the relationship between the company and its managers is on a one-to-one basis — rather than being between the company and a group of managers.

It is interesting to compare the 1986 remuneration package with the present scheme. In 1986 the amount of pay that was directly related to annual performance was 2 per cent; now it is 10 per cent. In 1986 cash remuneration accounted for 65 per cent of the total pay and benefit remuneration for 35 per cent. These figures are now 71 per cent and 29 per cent respectively.

So far the new system has been applied to the top 50 people who were put on a new contract in the middle of 1987. It was then decided to extend this system downwards to the next 150 — this took place last January. In April similar contracts were offered to a further 200 managers.

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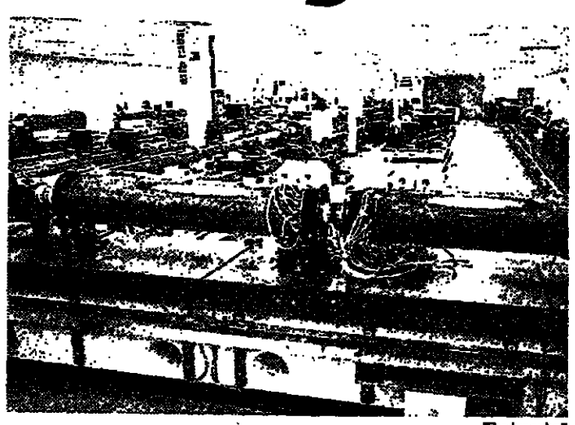
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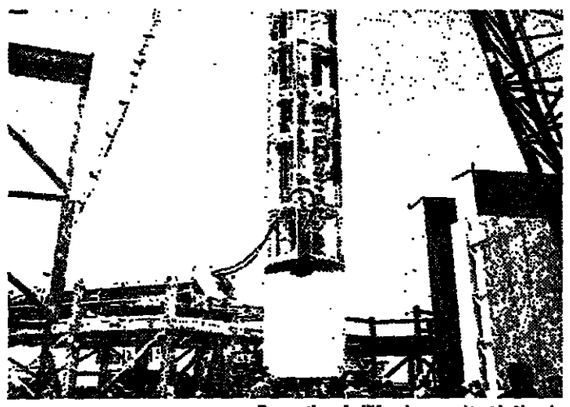
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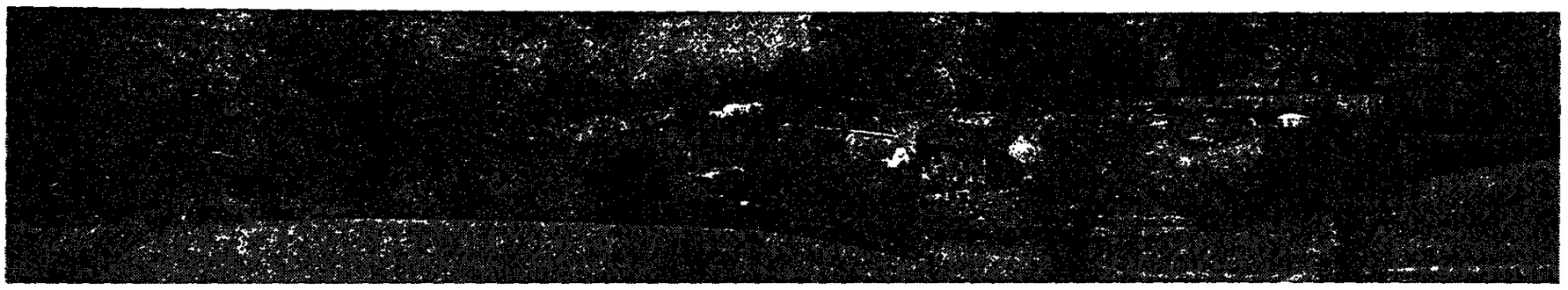
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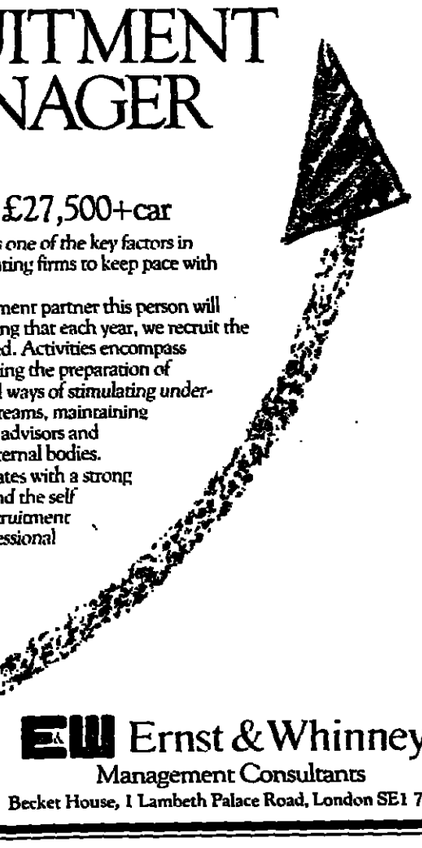
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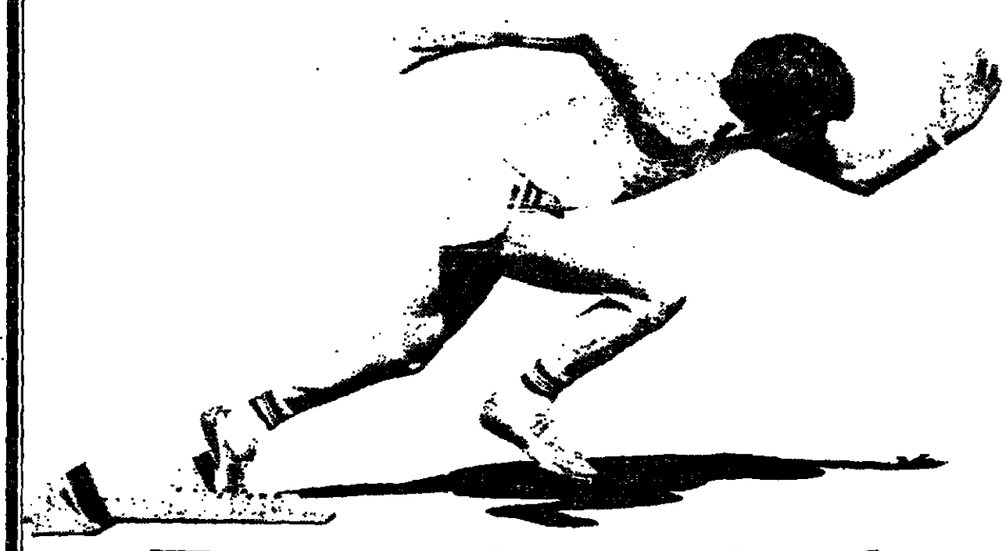
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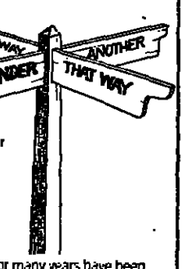
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Architects faster on the draw

Architects are busier than ever, working on commissions worth a record £25 billion. The figure for last year was above £20 billion – three times higher than in 1980. More than four fifths of the commissions are in the *private sector: public works'* account for about 18 per cent, most of this on housing.

The workload is monitored by the Royal Institute of British Architects, which conducts surveys on annual earnings and employment among its 21,000 members. In line with national growth patterns, London, the South East, the Midlands and East Anglia present the most optimistic picture, and larger firms, in particular, expect the boom to continue.

During this year's survey the RIBA will probe further to forecast trends for the next decade – a sensible move considering that a big commission takes years from start to finish; comparable with the seven years it takes to train an architect.

The architects themselves are now diversifying. "Some are becoming developers by finding redundant buildings or neglected sites. For example, the Conran-Roche partnership, based in Milton Keynes, is developing an area of London Docklands. Architects are also going into related spheres such as interior design, urban design and community work," says Peter Gibbs-Kennet, the RIBA's director of educational and professional development.

Few, though, tread the corridors of power. Exceptions include Sidney Chapman, MP, the Duke of Gloucester and Lord (Lionel) Esher, an author, past-president of the RIBA and chairman in the mid-80s of the high-level inquiry into architectural education.

Between 1,200 and 1,300 students a year enter schools of architecture, from Aberdeen to Cardiff and the Royal College of Art in London, taking courses which provide a broad blend of arts, sciences and technology.

After at least five years of academic study and two years within practices before qualification, architects are often reluctant to return for refresher courses or opt for new skills, which has spurred debate about approaches to learning.

The RIBA response has been to launch a £750,000 open learning project – Professional Studies in British Architectural Practice – intended to meet continuing professional development needs, and backed by the University of London, the Construction Industry Training Board and the Manpower Services Commission. The first stage has 80 learning packages on subjects from practice management to building law.

This project will provide a stronger educational role for RIBA's 78 branches in 13 regions, which are part of a "petrol station" network, supporting professionals and linking with local colleges.

The "fuel" imagery is apt since the 1988 Sixth RIBA International Competition for students is on gas stations. Suggested solutions to make motorists a *stop for a pleasing*, rather than a tedious, experience will be seen at Gas-Stop, an exhibition at the Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, from July 16 to August 7. A chance to see maturer designs (but still by architects aged under 40) is provided by the RIBA with sponsorship from Ibstock through the touring exhibiton "40 under 40", which is being mounted in Glasgow, Cambridge, Leicester, and Leeds before returning to London in early October.

A glance through the exhibition catalogue shows that several participants were born abroad, or have worked on overseas commissions. As arhcitecture is becoming ever more global, a quarter of the RIBA membership lives abroad,

> The building boom has brought architects a record £25 billion in commissions, and there's still more to come as they diversify, reports **Ann Hills**

creating a growing number of opportunities in foreign climes. Architects trained in Britain are well placed. The RIBA standard, based on its qualifying exam, which was first introduced more than a century ago, is recognised from the Middle East to South America.

On the other hand, the global nature of architecture has led to a "sameness" anywhere in the world, though there are some hopeful signs of a fresh respect for national characteristics. Happily, London's latest "Chinatown", set to arise in Docklands, is being designed by the city architects of Nanjing, the old Southern Chinese capital, whose school of architecture has links with the RIBA.

Ulla Wilkie is among the new generation of architects with an international outlook. She arrived, in 1974, from Germany, where her father has an architectural office, to study at Glasgow's Rennie Mackintosh School of Architecture, and was impressed by the emphasis on style and "very good" design. "I was also confronted with an industrial, buzzing, down-to-earth city. I loved it."

In 1977 she went to work in Washington DC, "learning to draw parallel railway curves," and after getting her BA she took her Masters at Yale University. There she met James Stirling, who brought her back to Britain to join his studio.

Ulla puts her success down to determination, and stamina: "I can work for two nights without collapsing," she says, having left the Stirling Partnership last year to set up in her own business. She's a realist. "thinking about real needs of the real world . . . I think we should be confident enough to produce buildings of our own time."

Her first steps have been in renovating pricey West End houses. "I treat the interiors of rooms with the care that one would apply to an elevation, structuring rooms with panels, creating a theme rather than thin decoration. Estate agents, whom I called in to value the houses, brought in clients who wanted their homes restored. But I want to have a partnership including commercial work, and London is the financial centre of Europe."

She's confident: her income is steady (comforably above the RIBA's quoted average of £15,000 nationally) and she has a part-time teaching post in Glasgow. "Students challenge you to keep fresh," says Ulla, adding that "for the first time in years architecture is a household concern."

Jeremy Dixon, aged 49, was chosen to design the Royal Opera House extensions in Covent Garden. "As a child I visited parish churches and country houses," he explains, but then found that he was taught "in the modern movement at the Architectural Association."

After a series of jobs, during which he found he was "bad at being employed", and was moving towards a more emotional response to design, he set up on his own. He won competitions – which don't necessarily mean the design goes ahead – and scored an initial triumph with terraced villas in Kensington, with the Tate Gallery coffee shop and commissions which grew out of his desire for lasting quality. A link with the Building Design Partnership cemented the Opera House commission, which is still controversial but likely to go ahead.

I regret anything that undoes the historic texture of streets, but that seems to be inevitable," says Mr Dixon, who admires the Prince of Wales's opinions, but bemoans the fact that Prince Charles doesn't provide solutions.

Mr Dixon's own team have other commissions: a traditional village is on the drawing board and he is creating a series of apartments on the Thames at Pimlico, with echoes of Queen Anne architecture. His wife, Fenella, a fellow student from AA days, is a crucial member of the team, with offices off Tottenham Court Road.

Fenella, tall, slim and striking in a casual fashion, with a background of maths and French, found that architecture combined well with rearing three children. "I worked at home for years – our house has never really been finished: architects never want to finish their homes." Now in the larger offices, she finds it difficult to separate her own contribution, except to say that women have a broad view, but, anyway, architects have to fulfill several roles, being at the same time "artist, politician, financier, diplomat and businessman." A combination the public tends to forget.

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BOXING: LATEST TITLE BOUT SOAP OPERA FINDS A GROWN-UP WORLD CHAMPION STANDING STAUNCHLY BY HIS WIFE

Tyson tired of being treated just like a boy

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Atlantic City

The Mike Tyson camp is still in disarray after the champion's recent estrangement from his manager, Bill Cayton, who is being blamed for "embarrassing" stories about Tyson's wife, Robin Givens, who is an actress, and her mother. But there is no confusion in Tyson's mind. He is going to "kick Spinks's butt" when he meets him at the Convention Hall here on Monday night.

Tyson was at some pains to dispel fears of psychological damage as a result of the adverse publicity when he gave the British Press a special interview yesterday.

During his training at his headquarters at the Trump Plaza, it was strange to see a once close group of handlers now keeping as respectful a distance from the champion as his three sparring partners trying to imitate the style of Michael Spinks.

Even Spinks's manager, Butch Lewis, who is usually cast in the role of the baddie in this series of soap operas, was moved to say: "As a professional, I hate to see this happen to the kid. It really is a shame. You have to wonder what is going on."

Spinks said: "I'm not sure I can understand what is happening to him, but if it is similar to what my brother, Leon, went through after he beat Ali, then I can understand."

But it is not so much that he is beset by "people with their hands out for a piece of the action", as Spinks thinks, but that he wants to be treated as a grown-up.

In his wife's luxurious Thirties-style suite at an hotel away from the rest of the camp, Tyson said: "They don't treat me special. They treat me like a boy. You've got to allow a boy to grow up. I don't want them telling me what to sign and all that."

Dressed in neat white shorts and vest and with his bare legs pulled up against him, Tyson made it plain that he was in control of his world and fortunes and that if Cayton did not come round to seeing things his way, he would have to go. "I am keeping the door open," he said.

The champion had broken with tradition by staying with his wife and he was glad of it. "This trouble has got us more together," he said. "It seems as if we have been married five years, not four months. We are nice people, you know. A little crazy, but nice people."

He was supported in his decision to stay with his wife by his trainer and friend, Kevin Rooney, who said: "Way back all the experts in the fight business believed that women and fighters were not a good mix. That was one of the first things I asked Cus D'Amato about. He told me it wasn't true, that it was a myth. Having sex doesn't drain a fighter's legs. Chasing women around at night might."

The champion confirmed that his bout with Frank Bruno was in danger if the 70-year-old Cayton dug his toes in and the matter went to court. He said that he wanted to defend against Bruno because he wanted to go to Britain to go to Toxteth in Liverpool because he revealed that his mother was a West Indian and had lived in Toxteth and told him about it.

"I would like to go there with a bunch of tickets for those kids for the fight. I want kids to respect me and look up and say: 'He's some dude.' But we will have to wait and see what happens."

Tyson showed that he had come of age when he said that a crisis such as this had to be overcome one way or another as had been the case in 1986 when he had to face Alonzo Ratliffe. "I was scared. I was so scared I wanted to run away but I went on and knocked him out in two rounds and got fear out of my system." At the top of that *Las Vegas* bill was Michael Spinks making a defence against Steffan Tangstad.



Two-man team: Frank Bruno and Terry Lawless, waiting for the nod from Atlantic City (Photograph: Alan Reevell)

The challenger next in line

Frank Bruno had survived half a dozen rounds; only five to go, but *the strain was beginning to tell.* A sweat-streaked face, wayward delivery and an occasional stumble.

"Cut," screamed the director. "*Let's do that one again.*" Under the glare of the studio lights, the camera zoomed in. This was real pressure, never mind facing the Mike Tysons of the world.

Clapperboards and cue cards are as much part of Frank Bruno's life at the moment as sparring, skipping and slugging are for Tyson, who is preparing for his world heavyweight title defence against Michael Spinks on Monday.

Yet, if Bruno's punch lines seem to be restricted solely to the show business variety these days — television advertisements, comedy routines and even a documentary — *then it is something of a deceptive image.* Certainly his schedule would be the envy of many an aspiring actor. Yet few of them would *start the day with a six-mile run* or with a gruelling session in the gymnasium.

Bruno moved away from home a month ago to a flat in North London to be with his trainer, George Francis. It was a wrench to leave his young family but Bruno has Tyson firmly in his sights and once next week's fight *is out of the way, the deal can be* finalized. "I know that this may be my last fling so I'm putting everything into it. I've no intention of disgracing myself or my family so that's why I've gone away so early. Once the fight is confirmed I'll shelve all these commercial bits and pieces as well."

The keen, paternal eye of Terry Lawless watches Frank's every pose and posture for the cameras. He's a shrewd manager and knows these contracts will secure a comfortable living for Bruno long after the last bell has sounded on his boxing career. He is also astute enough not to confirm the Tyson date (pencilled in for September 3) until the battle on Monday is done.

"Everything is set up in principle with Tyson's manager, Bill Cayton, and as Frank is the undisputed No. 1 challenger, *then there will be a championship fight at some stage.* But who knows what might happen? Certainly common sense tells you that Tyson will be too big *and too strong for Spinks.* But he's a very deceptive fighter and may unsettle Tyson, who likes to get in there and mix it.

"Spinks will throw himself on *the floor to avoid getting hit.* Also, there have been a few dramatic changes in Tyson's life of late — marriage, and the sad death of his manager, Jim Jacobs — *and this change of* routine can affect a fighter badly." He makes a Spinks victory sound quite plausible, *but then that is all part of the* game, boosting confidence and massaging the ego. Lawless, a trim, tanned, sharp-featured 54-year-old, accepts that the *manipulation of the mind is as* important as the conditioning of the body, as illustrated by the phenomenal rise of Tyson himself.

"Jim Jacobs and Bill Cayton did a marvellous con job with Mike when he first appeared on the scene. They were both also involved in the video business and they made sure that his every move was fed straight to the news stations and into every *cable company going.*

"They promoted him as invincible and that's what people now believe. He's good, but in truth just how good? There's no doubt *that he's a big, fearless man but* he has weaknesses."

Many hope, but few expect, that Bruno will be the man to find them. Such is Frank's deep *geniality and sincere gentleness* that the ferocious, unyielding arena of a boxing ring seems a paradoxical backdrop. Yet, if anything, his affable content*ment is a strength, not a* weakness.

Bruno has no need for spurious aggressive posturing. He wants to meet Tyson because he *knows deep within himself that* he has a chance. Lawless even admits that he has tried to talk Frank out of the fight simply because he has no financial need to fight again. "If Larry Holmes were champion, then I don't think Frank would bother. But he knows Tyson better than anyone, having sparred with him on two occasions.

"He's thought long and hard about all this and when he goes into that ring with Tyson it won't be for the hell of it or just for a fat cheque; he's no need for all that."

Bruno finishes filming, all smiles and jokes. Yet Lawless senses that something is not quite right. Sure enough, it emerges that Frank has just *badly damaged his Mercedes,* his pride and joy. "It's one of the few places where he can be alone," Lawless explains.

"He may appear to be a *natural, outgoing type* but he's actually quite shy. He needs to get away from it all even if it's only for a few minutes. Boxing is all about concentration; shutting *your mind off from all distractions* and believing in yourself and your job of work totally. Those who doubt Frank Bruno should recognize that he's got *this precious ability.*

"How else can you explain how such a gentle man can turn into an aggressive, quality fighter?"

Mick Cleary

RACING

Monstrous rule must change after Cup farce

By Graham Rock

If the law is an ass, then the Jockey Club's rule 153, under which Royal Gait was disqualified in the Ascot Gold Cup a week ago, is a monster: it has caused the Jockey Club more embarrassment than any other regulation.

It may seem axiomatic to those not engaged in the daily struggle to reduce bookmakers to poverty that punters who select the best horse in a race automatically collect their winnings, but there are daily instances of injustice.

Such minor private tragedies are often the result of ill-judgement by jockeys, or simple bad luck, and are accepted by both punter and bookmaker as an unavoidable inconvenience in their duel.

When officialdom intervenes, hoever, controversy can be as fast and furious as the race itself. The decision of the Ascot stewards has sparked off a storm of protest, not least from those who backed Royal Gait. Even if the appeal to the Jockey Club disciplinary committee today is allowed, bets are settled on the original judgement.

The Horseracing Advisory Council, which represents all the major interests of the sport, has long suggested a fundamental change in rule 153, but so far has met with scant success.

The professionals want the race-riding infringements of jockeys to be divorced from the result of the race. Thus, if Asmussen were found guilty of careless riding in the Ascot Gold Cup, he would have been suspended but the result left intact.

Of course, if interference had an effect on the finishing order, the stewards would have to alter the placings to effect the same result as if the race had been incident-free.

Ian Balding, a royal trainer and hardly an anti-establishment figure, was quoted in *Racing Post* earlier this week as saying that the decision of the Ascot stewards "would not stand up in a court of law anywhere in the world.

Without engaging in lengthy debate as to how blame should be apportioned, it is worth asking if the Ascot stewards would have disqualified the winner if El Conquistador had continued to race normally after his brush with Royal Gait and gently retreated to last place.

In essence the infringement (if any) and the result would have been the same. It is reasonable to suggest that El Conquistador's exaggerated reaction to the incident culminating in the fall of his rider, may have prompted the controversial decision.

Even if the stewards of the *Jockey Club are unable to* stomach the equity of the result taking precedence over race-riding fouls, there is surely scope to improve the present rule so that careless riding offences do not bring automatic disqualification if the offender finishes in front of the injured party.

Such a compromise would protect racing's image from *those jockeys who ride irresponsibly* (and there are only a handful of such incidents in a year), but in all other cases could allow the best horse on the day *to retain the prize, even if the* jockey had carelessly impeded another rival.

How rule 153 (i) is worded

When a horse or its rider has caused interference

(a) by accident in any part of a Flat race or National Hunt flat race or after the penultimate obstacle in a steeplechase or hurdle race the horse shall, on an objection under rule 170 (iv), be disqualified or placed behind the horse or horses with which it has interfered if the stewards are satisfied that the interference affected the result of the race. If they are not so satisfied, they shall overrule the objection and order that the placings shall remain unchanged.

(b) by careless riding in any part of a race the horse shall, on an objection under rule 170 (iv), be disqualified or placed behind the horse or horses with which it has interfered except that the stewards may order that the placings shall remain unchanged if the judge has placed the horse behind the horse or horses with which it has interfered.

(c) by reckless riding or intentionally in any part of a race the horse shall, on an objection under rule 170 (iv), be disqualified.

'Against natural course of justice'

"Any rule that says that the horse who has won on merit must be disqualified because the jockey has done something careless or reckless is against the natural course of justice."

The logic of this argument has never found favour with the stewards of the Jockey Club. Their response has been that riding a thoroughbred which weighs half a ton, at speeds of up to 40mph, is dangerous, and if a jockey puts the safety of his colleagues at risk, then the jockey, the owner and the trainer bear collective responsibility, and are punished by disqualification.

Winners of the leading races now acquire instant million-pound values as *potential stallions* the moment they pass the post; such is the glamour of victory that a Derby winner might be double the worth of a rival beaten a short head.

The stewards are deterred from relaxing the rules by a nightmare vision of jockeys, hell-bent on securing the rich rewards of *winning* a classic, either riding dangerously and causing serious injury or deliberately attempting to destroy others' chances.

Politics is the art of the possible, and the strength of feeling in Portman Square is such that there is unlikely to be an immediate change of heart, no matter how vociferous the protest. The stewards will not tolerate profit from reckless, dangerous or deliberate transgressors of rule 153.

Authority rarely tested in law

Of course, the stewards should be given comprehensive powers to amend the result as they saw fit, if the result had been affected. It is a system *which works well in other* countries, and is overdue here.

Ian Balding's remark about the courts touches on another reason for official diffidence in allowing local stewards more freedom in decision-making. While a royal charter gives the Jockey Club the power to run racing, that authority is very rarely tested in law.

If interference has taken place in a race, the burden of proof rests with the offender, and anyone wishing to challenge a Jockey Club decision in court would need to demonstrate to laymen that interference has not affected the result. Transgressors are guilty until proven innocent.

The stewards' attitude towards careless riding infringements is further justified officially by the opinion that *jockeys* are professionals and should be able to demonstrate the efficient execution of their skills during a race; if they do not, they are guilty of *professional negligence.*

However, if today's meeting of the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee allows the appeal of Royal Gait's connections, the accusation of *unprofessionalism* may rebound on the honorary Ascot stewards faster than a Boris Becker volley.

● *Graham Rock was the founding editor of the Racing Post and formerly a stipendiary steward of the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club.*

SPORTS LETTERS

British tennis in need of more encouragement

From Mrs Jennifer Horton

Sir, Wimbledon comes round again. We are watching another invasion of foreign champions on our soil.

Why does British tennis fail to produce a champion? The answer lies in the misconception that tennis is a summer sport and in the great British mind tennis is linked with strawberries and cream and sunny afternoons in English country gardens. Because summer often fails to perform as such, so do British tennis players.

The truth is that tennis is as energetic as any of our traditional winter sports. I speak as one who has brushed the snow from the court before an enjoyable evening's play in January.

The terrible consequence of this myth is that schools hardly bother to teach the sport at all. Tennis is only available in the shortest, busiest term of about 12 weeks in length and it is organized by teachers whose dedication lies in other areas such as rugby and football or hockey and netball. Not only are most games teachers not interested in tennis but many don't even understand the rudiments of the game — I know this from years of teaching experience in different schools.

I have also learnt that tennis is the most popular sport with children and they are being denied the chance to learn it. The excuse proferred is that you can't accommodate a class full of children on the standard three courts. Yet the LTA Grass Roots coaching scheme shows that many racket and ball co-ordination games can be enjoyed.

Schools should have courts available all year round and games staff should be better trained. Only then will the standard of tennis improve and a champion be found.

For too long tennis has been the privilege of those who either own their own courts or belong to expensive clubs. Tennis must be developed in state schools where children with that magical ingredient, "killer instinct", may be found.

The British invented this wonderful game. It's our traditional heritage. Wake up media, LTA, sports promoters and schools. Get your act together and give our children the chance to play like champions.

Yours faithfully,
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Raising the net

From Mr R. G. Robinson

Sir, In solution 6 to the problem of server dominance (Rex Bellamy's article, June 18) it seems that the proposal favoured by John Barrett is not to raise the entire net, i.e. at the posts as well as at the centre, but to leave the posts as they are and merely raise the height at the centre by applying more tension. (*Raising the posts is ruled* out by his stipulation not to disrupt courts worldwide; and it also would not be compatible with his suggestion of making the change experimentally at different heights or perhaps *even one inch at a time.*)

So presumably he proposes winding the net higher from the existing posts. As a net is wound higher, the tension required increases over the last few inches of net height, out of all proportion to the increased height achieved. There is an old adage: "No weight, however great, can pull a line, however fine, quite straight". Any reduction in the present six-inch sag *would considerably increase the* risk of the posts heeling over or their moorings being uprooted — things which we have all seen occasionally even under present *arrangements* — and the cable and winding mechanism might also be at risk. My son, better informed mathematically than I am, says that to raise the net one inch would increase the pull on the posts by about one-fifth; two inches, by about one-half; while for three inches the pull would be almost doubled.

Wimbledon and the like could of course cope, but I much doubt that installations generally throughout the tennis playing community worldwide *could stand the increased strain.*

Yours faithfully,
DICK ROBINSON,
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Swing of the ball

From Mr Marshall Whiting

Sir, For countless years John Woodcock, in concert with apparently all other cricket correspondents and commentators, has been making the link between overcast skies and the swing of a cricket ball. Today is the final straw (June 20).

A cricket ball swings as a result of tiny differences in air pressure set up around the seam; one polished side exaggerates this effect. Thus it is easier to swing a new ball rather than an *old one which has had the seam* beaten down. It is the stillness of the air or the steadying of the breeze which is important, not the state of the sky, or the time of day, or anything else.

Yours faithfully,
MARSHALL WHITING,
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Sour side of race

From Mr Peter Turton

Sir, The Milk Race came here for about five hours on a Saturday when the town was full of shoppers. We lost half our car parking space; a long stretch of the busiest dual carriageway was closed to traffic; and a very loud loudspeaker system was set up and blared out deafening "pop" despite requests from local residents to turn it down, especially from an old people's home. All this to see a number of cyclists ride past at high speed — not to mention the litter to be cleared.

Yours faithfully,
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Risks in travelling

From Sir Michael Turner

Sir, Most of the comment about Tom and Doreen Bradley's decision not to send Next Milton to the Olympics has centred on the needs of the British team for a horse which has Olympic potential. This is wholly understandable. Surely there is another point of view which deserves consideration. Apart from memories, the last *contact which Tom and Doreen* still have with their late daughter, Caroline, is through the horse which she not only found but also brought up so well.

For David Broome to have said, as quoted by Jenny MacArthur (*June 18*), "it's a disgrace" is an unnecessary insult to two people who have given and are still giving support to British show jumping. The further suggestion which is implicit in the article — that the Bradleys, having enjoyed British Equestrian Federation support when winning big prizes abroad, may have been influenced in their decision by purely financial consideration — is the least happy feature of the present situation.

Most informed people will know that there are serious risks involved in travelling any horse halfway round the world, let alone the added risks caused by the environment in South Korea.

When making Next Milton available to travel abroad and represent Britain, the Bradleys have never made any secret of their unwillingness for the horse to travel to Seoul. Is British show jumping so impoverished that Tom and Doreen's wishes cannot be respected?

I am, Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL TURNER,
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Image of the game

From Mr Muhammad Shafiq

Sir, The sacking of Mr Gatting as captain of England, albeit late, will be applauded by everyone who cares about the image of this noble game of cricket.

However it is strange that Mr May and his co-selectors thought that female company in the bedroom was a greater act of irresponsibility than Mr Gatting's visual acts at Faisalabad or accusations of Pakistan's cheating for 37 years. The damage done to England cricket last winter was broader in its impact, yet did not lead to any punishment of consequence.

Now that Mr Gatting has been dealt with, the BBC should *follow the act by extracting an* apology from commentator Tom Graveney for being the originator of this 37 years' cheating accusation. To this day I cannot understand that Pakistan, armed with this cheating weapon, took more than 30 years before winning a home Test series against England.

Yours faithfully,
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Cricket's duty to its public

From Mr Richard Stevenson

Sir, Surely the time has come for the governing bodies of cricket to recognize that their first duty *is towards the long suffering* public who actually buy their product.

The TCCB and MCC must come to recognize that there are only two bodies that matter — the players and the public who *pay to watch them. Admin*istrators and officials have the responsibility to support players and to provide the public with value for money, which duties *they appear to find beneath* them. In this sense cricket and rugby union have much in common in the UK — both run by hopelessly out-of-touch officials, *intent* to defend values that their players and their publics find obscure and increasingly irrelevant.

The Gatting episode was only symptomatic but appalling nevertheless. What values must *we infer the TCCB have brought* to bear? Who are the judges and what is the law?

More specifically, consider the arrogance that can charge £23 per ticket for the one-day international at Lord's, only to *deprive the customers of play* via the appalling "bad light" rule and an irrelevant cut-off at 7.15 p.m., in bright sunshine. The same occurred in perfectly playable conditions during the Lord's Test. The customer always seems to be the loser and I can assure the TCCB that I, for one, will not be applying for Test match tickets next season.

Cricket is a professional sport and the governing bodies need also to be professional, in the best sense. Just as importantly, current players must have an effective input to the government of their game, rather than being treated as pawns.

Thatcherism is supposed to have improved the quality of British management by exposing industry to the realities of *the market. Sport is big business* but cricket and rugby are still in the dark ages. The administrators of both games should be made accountable. The game belongs to the public and the players — not to its self-appointed custodians.

Yours faithfully,
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From Dr Vernon Coleman

Sir, Neither umpires nor cricketers seem prepared to play in anything other than bright sunlight these days. I wonder if they would be less eager to leave the *field if they had their fees* reduced every time they went off? If spectators weren't the only ones to lose out then we might see more cricket played.

Yours,
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Kentisbury,
Barnstaple, Devon.

Transforming national image

From Mr David B. Russell

Sir, There is an eerie coincidence between the image of *the England football team* — resilient, aggressive if totally outclassed no-hopers — with the self-image of many of the hooligans, who see themselves gallantly *fighting for an apparently* lost patriotic cause in a grotesque parody of the spirit of Dunkirk.

If the question be asked what is the point of trying to re-enact a version of the Second World War in 1988, it might equally be asked what is the point of producing an English national *team in the contemporary socio*-political and cultural reality of Britain? Certainly not to entertain us, or win trophies on an international stage.

We know that patriotism is the last refuge of the hooligan. Mrs Thatcher has talked of starving the terrorists of the oxygen of publicity; is it not *about time that the hooligan was* deprived of the sham cause he claims to be defending? This archaic tribal regionalism that national football perpetuates is totally out of sympathy with the modern international age. It is, however, utterly unexportable to prestigious events like the European championships and the World Cup (would we ever dream of sending four different teams to the Olympics?).

The only "English" team that, by common, including European, consent, has any claim to a place in international football is Liverpool, whose style transcends the provincialism of the rest of English soccer. Liverpool only have two English players in their side (last year they had none) — surely there is a message there for us. If Beardsley and Barnes disappointed in the European championships, was this not in no small measure due to the massive difference between the way England and Liverpool play football? Cer*tainly Liverpool do not rely on* only one idea (Lineker's pace) to score goals. The question then has to be asked: just how representative of the best of *English soccer is the English* national team?

But then, how representative of Irish football is Ray Houghton or Jack Charlton? When Bob Wilson can play for Scotland and Brian Clough can *be enlisted as Welsh manager,* the whole notion of national representation becomes somewhat academic, and one wonders in whose interest it is to *keep this farce going.* The hooligans, perhaps?

I believe that a British team would transform the nation's image of itself, would upset the *narrow-minded regionalists,* would be a severe setback to hooliganism and various other causes of ultra-nationalism (including terrorism), and *would, most importantly,* begin the healing process which is necessary, if our countries are to find their feet in today's international and competitive world.

Yours faithfully,
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From Dr Magnus Pyke

Sir, Gibbon may not be accurate on the minutiae of history but he is invariably sonorous. Writing about hooligans in in AD 532, he recounts that "the blues *affected to strike terror by a* peculiar and barbaric dress — the long hair of the Huns, their close sleeves and ample garments . . . In the day they *concealed the two-edged pon*iards, but in the night they boldly assembled in arms and in numerous bands, prepared for every act of violence and rapine." In contrast, the greens "had treacherously concealed stones and daggers under baskets of fruit".

Things have not changed much over the centuries, have they? Nor can the efforts of the Romans to control the situation give us much encouragement. After eventually going so far as to execute the ringleaders, "the hippodrome itself was condemned, during several years, to a mournful silence. With the restoration of the games, the same disorders revived, and the blue and green factions continued to afflict the reign of Justinian, and to disturb the tranquillity" of what remained *of the Roman Empire.*

Yours faithfully,
MAGNUS PYKE,
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Crossing the line

From Mr Raymond Noy

Sir, I read with interest Keith *Macklin's report on the Austra*lia v Great Britain Rugby League international in Sydney (June 13).

Apparently John Burgess, president of the Rugby Football Union, "left his grandstand seat *to hurry down to the pitch to* shout congratulations and encouragement to the men from the other side".

If this is correct, should not this man be hauled through his own disciplinary machinery? *Should not this man have his* loyalty, his attitudes and his personal and business activities closely examined? Should not this man be banned from all *association with the Rugby* Football Union?

Should this man be allowed to judge lesser mortals accused of lesser "crimes"?

Yours faithfully,
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Wigan, Leicestershire.

Sentences served

From Mr Peter Oldfield

Sir, If Simon Barnes's End Column (June 16) was not written with tongue in cheek, then I suggest that he becomes a tabloid newspaper reporter.

I thought that Emburey and Gooch had completed their sentences for their South Africa tour, but Mr Barnes would wish *to extend them.*

Actually, I thought it was English cricket that suffered the most during their ban.

Yours faithfully,
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Sadeem backed to keep prize

Sadeem, heavily-backed winner of last Thursday's controversial Ascot Gold Cup, has again been strongly supported to keep the race at today's Jockey Club inquiry.

Bookmakers City Index report a "flood of money" for the Guy Harwood-trained five-year-old, who was awarded the group one prize following the disqualification of Royal Gait.

At the start of business yesterday, the firm were quoting Royal Gait at 3-1 on and Sadeem at 9-4. However, Sadeem was backed at all rates down to 11-8, with Royal Gait easing to 7-4 on.

City Index spokesman Barry Beasley said: "At one stage on Monday Royal Gait was as short as 7-2 on but since then all the support has been for Sadeem."

Royal Gait, trained in France by Australian John Fellows, came home five lengths clear of Sadeem, but was disqualified by the Ascot stewards for bumping Sadeem's stable companion El Conquistador who unseated Tony Clark.

Royal Gait's jockey Cash Asmussen, who was banned for seven days for careless riding, will also have his appeal heard at the inquiry.

Henbane can head field day for much-travelled Eddery brothers

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

It should pay to follow the Eddery brothers at Ripon and Goodwood today. Significantly, elder brother Pat is going to the Yorkshire course for just one ride before flying south to Goodwood for the evening meeting where he has a clutch of fancied mounts.

The reason for his presence at Ripon is Guy Harwood's decision to run Khaled Abdulla's promising colt Henbane in the T & R Theakston Maiden Stakes.

With Henry Cecil's Lothario also standing his ground, this race is yet another example of the high quality of modern English racing throughout the country. For while the former is a half-brother to one classic winner, the latter is out of another.

It was hardly surprising when Henbane cost as much as $400,000 as a yearling in the United States because he could boast the 1980 Derby winner Henbit as his half-brother and the crack American stallion Alydar as his sire.

Lothario did not go through the sales ring, though, because he still belongs to his breeder Jim Joel who won the 1,000 Guineas with his dam, Fairy Footsteps, as well as the St Leger with that mare's half-brother, Light Cavalry.

So far Henbane's close second at Newbury has augured the better. On that occasion he did not quite last home over a mile and five furlongs having taken the lead well over a furlong out. Today's slightly shorter distance will suit him better and he is my nap.

Pastoral Jem (2.30) and All Is Revealed (5.0) are younger brother Paul Eddery's likely winners. Both were in action on an altogether higher level at Royal Ascot last week: Pastoral Jem in the Windsor Castle Stakes; All Is Revealed in the Ascot Stakes.

Having run the crack northern two-year-old Barry's Gamble to a short head, Pastoral Jem should be up to beating Filicaia in the Winksley Stakes while the Hob Green Handicap can provide All Is Revealed with compensation for being disqualified after finishing third behind Zero Watt and Old Hubert.

Lovely Flower is another promising ride for the younger Eddery in the White Leas Maiden Fillies Stakes but here I just prefer the Henry Cecil-trained newcomer Chouchounova.



Merrick Francis: runs Ascot second Pastoral Jem at Ripon

Pat Eddery's dash to Goodwood will be worth his while if Sparky Lad (6.45), Etaab (7.10), Alo' Niko (7.35) and Allazzaz (9.5) all do their stuff as well they may.

Sparky Lad, my selection for the Mcgregor Cory Coffee Cup Handicap, was going like a winner at York 13 days ago when his saddle slipped giving Steve Dawson that horrid looking fall.

Although his two wins this season have been over seven furlongs he has clearly retained the speed that enabled him to win over six last season and I think that he can prevent Numismatist from winning this race a second time.

Twelve months ago the Volkart Fillies Handicap was won by a runner from Luca Cumani's stable, ridden by the Italian-born apprentice Lanfranco Dettori.

Now I expect the same combination to do it again with Yalciyna who dead-heated at Doncaster on her seasonal debut.

At Salisbury, Fit For A Queen can justify her trainer Paul Cole's decision to give Royal Ascot a miss by winning the Veuve Clicquot Champagne Stakes while Blakes Son, a recent galloping companion of Red Glow, can confirm the well being of the Derby fourth as he limbers up for a crack at Sunday's Grand Prix de Paris by winning the Noel Cannon Memorial Trophy.

Clark loses ride on Gold Cup partner

By Christopher Goulding

Tony Clark has lost the mount on El Conquistador, the five-year-old who unseated him in last Thursday's Gold Cup at Royal Ascot, in all his future races. Clark was dislodged from El Conquistador two furlongs from home after his mount was controversially bumped by Royal Gait.

Juan Garcia-Roady, the owner of El Conquistador, said yesterday, from Madrid: "My horse was ridden at a suicidal pace when he was asked to make all the running. Everyone is making out that he is just a drunken sailor. I was very upset and it hurt me for two days. He is a very good horse, a real battler.

"I am very fond of him. The ground was just right at Ascot and we expected to finish in the first three. He was not given the best of chances especially as the race was run in a record time."

El Conquistador finished second to Sergeyevich in the Goodwood Cup last year, and will attempt to go one better in the contest next month. Last year the son of Shirley Heights had the misfortune to race with only three shoes on.

Suggestions that Garcia-Roady would be taking his string of five horses away from Guy Harwood have proved unfounded and the owner has now patched up his grievances with the Palborough trainer.

"I went to see Mr Harwood last Sunday and we had a long talk. I want to be informed in plenty of time before my horses race as to who will ride them, instead of hearing on the day that the stable jockey will be riding another horse in the race."

However, Garcia-Roady expressed his gratitude to Harwood. "I must credit Mr Harwood as he prepared Green Adventure so well to win the Queen's Vase for me at Royal Ascot on Wednesday. The horse was lame two days before the race."

Red Glow will face strong home team in Longchamp test

By Phil McLennan

Red Glow will face a strong French contingent including Squill, Fijar Tango and Frankly Perfect as the Derby fourth attempts to regain the winning thread in the Grand Prix de Paris Louis Vuitton at Longchamp on Sunday.

Squill, trained by Criquette Head, was a comfortable winner of the Prix de la Jonchère at Chantilly on French Oaks day and will be chasing his fourth successive victory in Sunday's group one contest.

Frankly Perfect was only a narrow winner of the Prix du Lys the same afternoon but his trainer, Jonathan Pease, believes him to be the best three-year-old colt in France. However, Red Glow's partner, Pat Eddery should know how he stands as he rode Frankly Perfect at Chantilly.

Fijar Tango, winner of the Grand Criterium for George Mikhalides last October, ran well to finish second to the Clive Britain-trained Lapierre on his reappearance in last month's Prix Jean Prat Ecurie Fustok.

Brittain, rarely without a runner in the top European races, is likely to be represented by the French 2,000 Guineas third, Tay Wharf.

Also among the 18 acceptors at yesterday's declaration stage were Hours After, almost certain to miss the race in favour of the Irish Derby the same afternoon, and Nasr El Arab, fifth behind that colt in the Prix du Jockey-Club Lancia.

Nasr El Arab, a very-heavily backed favourite for the premier French classic, had previously created an excellent impression when winning the Prix Hocquart by six lengths on fast ground and was possibly not suited by the soft going at Chantilly.

Other news from France yesterday concerned Yaka, a somewhat fortuitous conqueror of the luckless Royal Gait in the Prix du Cadran. The Alain Chelet-trained five-year-old is a possible for the Goodwood Cup on July 28.

Stewards under attack as Raslaan keeps race

On the eve of the Royal Gait Gold Cup appeal, arguments over the inconsistency of stewards raged on at Salisbury yesterday when Raslaan was allowed to keep the Gibbs Mew Bibury Cup despite causing interference.

As Ray Cochrane pulled the colt out to get round Rustic Comedy at the two-furlong marker, Raslaan cannoned into the favourite, Ostura, and knocked him two yards to the left before going on to score by half a length.

The stewards ruled that the interference was accidental and had not affected the result but Ostura's rider, Richard Quinn, said: "The winner broke the rules and should have been disqualified."

Ostura's trainer Paul Cole agreed. "The decision represents a total disregard for the public," he said. "If the race had been at Ascot we would have got it. But I am in favour of the winner keeping the race so I'm not going to appeal."

Stewards' secretary Jeremy Kerr said: "It was not an easy decision but the stewards took the view that Cochrane had room to pull out when he made his move. He just went a bit further than intended and that was accidental."

Cole and Quinn had plenty to smile about later, though, when Singular Run gained an eye-catching debut success in the Graf Arco Export Lager Maiden Stakes.

SALISBURY

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Blakes Son.	2.15 BLAKES SON (nap).
2.45 Predictable.	2.45 Super Neon.
3.15 Fit For A Queen.	3.15 —
3.45 Holly Brown.	3.45 —
4.15 Jerwah.	4.15 Jerwah.
4.45 Hip Hip Hurry.	4.45 Caviar Blini.

Michael Seely's selection: 2.15 BLAKES SON (nap).

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to firm **Draw: 5f-1m, high numbers best**

2.15 NOEL CANNON MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£3,095: 1m) (6 runners)

4	(3)	0-10000	ACONITUM 8 (V,D,F,G,S) (Topline Ltd) J Jenkins 7-9-10	J Williams	90
5	(1)	0440-0	GEORGE HOBART 69 (R Clifford-Turner) J Tree 3-9-8	S Cauthen	80
6	(5)	203-034	MAHRAJAN 30 (CD,F) (Mrs F Harris) C Benstead 4-9-6	B Rouse	87
8	(6)	30-0440	SUPER LUNAR 13 (Mrs J Hopkins) L Cottrell 4-8-2	I Johnson	85
11	(2)	00-1301	IMPERIAL FRIEND 14 (C,D,F,G,S) (A Newcombe) C Hill 4-8-2	D Biggs (7)	99
12	(4)	03-2332	BLAKES SON 13 (E Moller) G Wragg 3-9-8	J Reid	92

BETTING: 15-8 Imperial Friend, 3-1 George Hobart, 5-1 Mahrajan, 6-1 Blakes Son, 7-1 Super Lunar, 14-1 Aconitum.

1987: PICTOGRAPH 5-9-0 T Ives (11-2) I Balding 7 ran

FORM ACONITUM (9-10) 10l victory over Red River Boy (8-3) at Warwick (1m h'cap, £1,855, good to soft, April 5, 21 ran). GEORGE HOBART (8-10) 8l 6th to My Lamb (8-6) at Newbury (1m h'cap, £4,195, good, April 15, 17 ran). MAHRAJAN (9-10) 2½l 4th to Algirm (9-9) at Salisbury (1m 2f h'cap, £2,639, good to firm, May 24, 17 ran). SUPER LUNAR (8-13) best effort ½l 4th to Joveworth (9-7) at Wolverhampton (7f h'cap, £2,948, good to firm, April 25, 17 ran). IMPERIAL FRIEND (7-13) beat Mrs Pistol (8-5) 5l at Newbury (1m app h'cap, £3,954, good to soft, June 9, 11 ran). BLAKES SON (9-0) 2½l 2nd to Busted Rock (9-0) at Sandown (1m 2f mdn, £3,473, good, June 10, 21 ran).

Selection: IMPERIAL FRIEND

2.45 EBF SOUTHAMPTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: colts & geldings: £1,531: 5f) (7 runners)

2	(2)	22	EL SOBERANO 10 (P Horgan) R Hannon 9-0	B Rouse	88
3	(5)		HICKORY RUN (Mrs W Frost) G Balding 9-0	J Williams	—
4	(4)	6	MARTINOSKY 14 (D Clark) W Wightman 9-0	M L Thomas	99
5	(3)		PREDICTABLE (Mrs R Hambro) P Walwyn 9-0	S Cauthen	—
6	(7)		SUPER NEON (Maktoum AL Maktoum) Mrs L Piggott 9-0	R Cochrane	—
8	(6)	0	TERRACOTTA ARMY 12 (V) (C Butler) D Hanley 9-0		—
9	(1)	0	ZANUSSI SATELLITE 33 (Thompson Coob) D Arbuthnot 9-0	J Reid	—

BETTING: 2-1 Super Neon, 11-4 Martinosky, 7-2 El Soberano, 5-1 Predictable, 10-1 Hickory Run, 16-1 others.

1987: WARNING 9-0 Pat Eddery (8-11 fav) G Harwood 7 ran

FORM EL SOBERANO (8-11) 1½l 3rd (later placed 2nd) to Tread Like Prince (8-11) at Windsor (5f grad, £1,848, good, June 13, 9 ran). HICKORY RUN (foaled May 26) is by Seymour Hicks out Ardent Runner, a speedy two-year-old. Is a half-brother to a couple of modest winners. MARTINOSKY (9-0) 4l 5th to Day Shift (8-0) at Newbury (6f mdn, £4,377, good to soft, June 9, 13 ran). PREDICTABLE (foaled April 14) is by the very smart sprinter Music Boy and is related to several winners, notably fair sprinters Einstein and Jose Rollins. SUPER NEON (foaled May 20) is an expensive newcomer, costing 48000gns as a yearling. By Dominion, a prolific sire of two-year-old winners, and is a half-brother to the useful sprinter Sleepy Mountain.

Selection: EL SOBERANO

3.15 VEUVE CLICQUOT CHAMPAGNE STAKES (2-Y-O: £11,764: 5f) (8 runners)

2	(8)	012	ALBERT'S WAY OUT 35 (S) (A Etheridge) S Dow 8-11	J Matthias	96
3	(5)	02	BROWN PEPPER 38 (W Brown) P Mitchell 8-11	T Ives	83
5	(4)	1	FREQUENT FLYER 33 (F) (Cresnt Uk Ltd) R Smyth 8-11	S Cauthen	90
6	(7)	3100	MIAMI BANKER 38 (S) (J Amass) P Arthur 8-11	NON-RUNNER	—
7	(3)	0	PASHM 12 (H Ellis) D O Neill 8-11	C Rutter	—
8	(2)	1	RESUCADA 54 (G) (P Savill) G Lewis 8-11	G Sexton	94
10	(6)	31	FIT FOR A QUEEN 26 (D,F) (Guiting Stud Ltd) P Cole 8-6	T Quinn	99
11	(1)	04	QUEEN ANGEL 13 (BF) (Mrs B Fairbairns) R Hannon 8-6	B Rouse	87

BETTING: 2-1 Fit For A Queen, 5-2 Frequent Flyer, 100-30 Rescuda, 8-1 Albert's Way Out, 16-1 Queen Angel, Brown Pepper, 25-1 Pashm.

1987: UNDERCUT 8-11 Pat Eddery (15-8) G Harwood 8 ran

FORM ALBERT'S WAY OUT (8-3) 2l 2nd to Cronk's Corsge at Goodwood (5f grad, £3,252, good to firm, May 19, 9 ran). BROWN PEPPER (8-11) 5l 2nd to Superpower (9-7) at Windsor (5f, £2,444, good to firm, May 16, 6 ran) with MIAMI BANKER (9-4) 5 away 6th. FREQUENT FLYER (9-0) beat Bar Le Duc (9-0) a head at Lingfield (5f mdn, £2,238, good to firm, May 21, 9 ran). RESUCADA (9-0) beat Nightstalker (9-0) 2½l at Newmarket (5f mdn, £3,795, good, April 30, 9 ran). FIT FOR A QUEEN (8-11) beat Petrilla 1½l (8-11) at Lingfield (8f mdn, £3,596, good to firm, May 28, 17 ran). QUEEN ANGEL (8-11) 3½l 4th to Memphis Blues (8-11) at Chepstow (6f mdn, £1,831, good, June 10, 18 ran).

Selection: FIT FOR A QUEEN

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G Wragg	4	12	33.3
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G Lewis	5	36	13.9
J Dunlop	11	80	13.8
P Cole	9	68	13.2

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T Ives	11	51	21.6
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W R Swinburn	3	26	11.5
S Whitworth	6	57	10.5

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3.45 CARNARVON CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap: Amateurs: £1,434: 1m 4f) (15 runners)

2	(5)	400-000	MIGHTY GLOW 48 (Mrs A Rubin) C Tinkler 4-12-0	S Astaire (5)	91
4	(13)	100306/	TAXIADS 35J (C,F) (Mrs K Lansbury) R Curtis 8-11-7	Tina Pile	—
5	(1)	41000-4	HEIGHT OF SUMMER 12 (D,F) (R Crutchley) D Arbuthnot 7-10-8	Di Arbuthnot	97
9	(15)	200-030	FOURTH LAD 49 (Mrs L Dennis) R Hannon 4-10-7	Liz Gandolfo	96
10	(11)	00/4632	HOLLY BROWN 15 (Mrs H Collins) P Hobbs 5-10-5	Sarah Hobbs	99
12	(3)	00-0004	HOLLISTON 16 (S) (M Brunson) D A Wilson 6-10-4	Elaine Bronson	98
15	(10)	003-000	TOSCANA 5 (D,F,S) (R Pegg) D Marks 7-9-12	Kelly Marks	93
16	(4)	000/00-	HAIL A CAB 34J (R Brazington) R Brazington 4-9-12	Heather McCaull	—
17	(9)	3000-00	SOCKS UP 80 (F,G,S) (R Houghton) R Houghton 11-9-8	G Johnson Houghton	93
18	(6)	00-0	WR.TSHIRE YEOMAN 5 (A Sisson) P Haywood 8-9-7	Denise Pomeroy (5)	92
19	(12)	3600/0	SANTELLA PAL 37 (F) (Mrs N Macfarlane) D Elsworth 7-9-7	Michele Davies (5)	—
20	(7)	0	TARA'S CHIEFTAIN 16 (F) (Mrs M Enright) G Enright 10-9-7	Madge Enright (5)	—
21	(2)	000000	L J'S PARROT 5 (Al-Deera Bloodstock) G Fyche 7-9-7	Linda Mellor (5)	—
22	(14)	000-000	GRAND CELEBRATION 24 (F,S) (O Stokes) D Jarmy 8-8-7	Calle Redland	80
23	(8)	000/00-0	SCARLET TROUPER 12 (R Hicks) G Balding 8-8-7	Rita McNeill	—

Long handicap: Santella Pal 9-4, Tara's Chieftain 9-2, L J'S Parrot 9-2, Grand Celebration 9-1, Scarlet Trouper 8-11.

BETTING: 4-1 Height Of Summer, 5-1 Holly Brown, 6-1 Holliston, Fourth Lad, 8-1 Toscana, 10-1 Wiltshire Yeoman, 16-1 L J's Parrot, Grand Celebration, 20-1 others.

1987: FINAL SELECTION 4-10-10 Miss G Armytage (8-1) D Thom 14 ran

FORM HEIGHT OF SUMMER (8-11) 9l 4th to It's Varadan (8-12) at Sandown (1m 3f 100yd h'cap, £2,809, good, June 11, 15 ran). FOURTH LAD (8-3) best effort 3¾l 3rd to Grey Salute (9-10) at Newbury (2m h'cap, £4,279, good, April 15, 18 ran). HOLLY BROWN (8-1) 2¼l 3rd to Tancred Walk (9-1) at Newbury (1m 5f 60yd h'cap, £4,260, good, June 8, 16 ran). HOLLISTON (9-11) 2¾l 4th to Merlins Magic (8-9) at Goodwood (1m 4f amateur h'cap, £1,976, good to firm, June 7, 17 ran) with TOSCANA (9-3) 8th and TARA'S CHIEFTAIN (9-0) out of first 9.

Selection: FOURTH LAD

4.15 TISBURY FILLIES GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,129: 7f) (16 runners)

1	(13)		ABER COTHI (D Hefin Jones) G Balding 8-11	J Williams	—
3	(11)	00	ARFIAH 35 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	—
6	(8)	4-00	CLARE CELESTE 20 (Miss H Joly) D Elsworth 8-11	T Williams	61
7	(12)	03-	CORN SEED 269 (G Mansen) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	87
8	(16)	20	DAISY MILLER 13 (D Hudd) P Cundell 8-11	S Whitworth	82
9	(15)	0020-00	DERRALEENA 15 (Mrs A Norman) W Wightman 8-11	M L Thomas	66
13	(3)	00	GOLD COLLAR 20 (J Humphreys) G Lewis 8-11	G Sexton	—
14	(10)	0-	IRENE'S CHARTER 260 (Mrs I Smith) D Murray-Smith 8-11	R Wernham	—
15	(1)	0	JERWAH 12 (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-11	S Cauthen	99
17	(5)	0	MARVA 33 (A Vander Lacq) J Winter 8-11	W R Swinburn	—
21	(6)		ROSE LILLIAN (E Beard) L Cottrell 8-11	I Johnson	—
22	(9)	0-0	SICCAWEI 35 (R Dean) M Fetherston-Godley 8-11	P Cook	—
26	(4)	2-0	SUMMER FASHION 35 (D Davis) D Elsworth 8-11	S Dawson	87
27	(14)	0-00	SUNLEY PRINCESS 28 (K Bell) J Edwards 8-11	J Reid	80
28	(7)	0-0	THE FOALICULE 19 (Miss L Aitken) S Christien 8-11	N Adams	—
31	(2)	0-0	TURBAN 35 (R McCreery) D Elsworth 8-11	R Cochrane	83

BETTING: 4-5 Jerwah, 6-1 Summer Fashion, 8-1 Corn Seed, 10-1 Daisy Miller, 12-1 Sunley Princess, 14-1 Gold Collar, 16-1 others.

1987: KORA'S GUEST 8-11 J Reid (9-4 fav) R Johnson Houghton 15 ran

FORM CLARE CELESTE (8-11) 9th to Southern Sky (8-11) at Goodwood with ARFIAH (8-11) 18th although hampered in running (7f mdn, £1,904, good to firm, May 19, 20 ran). CORN SEED (9-11) 3l 3rd to Frozen Flower (8-11) at Newmarket (6f mdn, £5,332, good to firm, Oct 1, 27 ran). DAISY MILLER (8-11) best effort a 3l 2nd to Sundowner at Salisbury on penultimate start (1m claim, £2,700, good, May 5, 13 ran). JERWAH (8-11) 4¼l 5th to Royal Touch at York (1m mdn, £7,960, good to firm, June 11, 9 ran). SUMMER FASHION (8-6) best effort 1l 2nd to Pharoah's Pride (9-4) at Lingfield (7f, £1,968, good to firm, Aug 7, 8 ran). TURBAN (8-11) 15¾l 8th to Chasemellow (8-11) at Goodwood with SUMMER FASHION (8-11) 10th and SICCAWEI (8-11) 16th (7f mdn, £1,672, good to firm, May 19, 17 ran).

Selection: JERWAH

4.45 DOWNTON HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,036: 7f) (12 runners)

1	(5)	312-	CAVIAR BLINI 334 (G) (Mrs W McAlpine) A Stewart 9-7	N Banner	86
4	(9)	24-03	KAWWAS 13 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-1	R Cochrane	93
5	(11)	110-000	ROCKARIA 21 (D,F,G) (STR & B Pic) P Cole 9-1	T Quinn	94
6	(8)	34-30	DWOWNEDD 36 (P Niarchos) J Tree 9-0	S Cauthen	87
10	(4)	01-00	NOBLE HAVEN 24 (S) (Miss G Abbey) J Winter 8-9	W R Swinburn	94
12	(1)	240-400	HIGH BID 13 (J Smith) R Sheather 8-6	T Williams	92
15	(3)	0400-0	BOLD VINTAGE 49 (P Bedford) M Stanshard 8-2	P Cook	93
16	(7)	4-3042	HIP HIP HURRY 13 (Elisha Holdings) G Lewis 8-1	W Carson	99
18	(6)	003-00	MY PAL POPEYE 21 (Mrs P Mitchell) P Mitchell 8-1	S Whitworth	92
20	(12)	003-000	PARDONNEZ MOI 15 (Mrs O Lusty) J Fox 7-13	L Jones	87
23	(10)	000000-	SOBRIETY 234 (R Cuppe) G Balding 7-12	N Adams	—
25	(2)	040-000	CHAMPAGNE DANCER 10 (V) (Champagne Racing) M Usher 7-9	A Whitehall (7)	94

BETTING: 7-2 Noble Haven, 4-1 Hip Hip Hurry, 8-1 Kawwas, 8-1 Dwownedd, Rockaria, 10-1 Caviar Blini, 12-1 Bold Vintage, High Bid, 14-1 others.

1987: IN FAT CITY 7-8 T Williams (7-1) J Sutcliffe 18 ran

FORM CAVIAR BLINI (8-7) 2l 2nd to Emis Express (8-9) at Warwick (5f h'cap, £3,209, good to firm, July 25, 11 ran). DWOWNEDD (8-10) 6½l 6th to Hoy (9-7) at Salisbury with CHAMPAGNE DANCER (7-13) 7l 7th (1m h'cap, £4,338, good to firm, May 24, 7 ran). NOBLE HAVEN (8-9) best effort a 2l beating of Toad Along (9-0) at Newbury (6f mdn, £4,413, heavy, Oct 22, 21 ran). HIGH BID (8-2) best effort a 2¾l 5th to Portvasco (9-7) at Windsor (6f h'cap, £2,883, good to soft, May 9, 13 ran). HIP HIP HURRY (7-13) ¾l 2nd to Hello Valsky (9-6) at Sandown with KAWWAS (8-13) 3l 3rd (7f h'cap, £7,262, good, June 10, 15 ran). Previously (8-11) 5¼l 4th to Mihmaz (9-7) at Epsom with MY PAL POPEYE (8-11) 1l 5th (7f h'cap, £5,026, good, Jun 2, 16 ran).

Selection: HIP HIP HURRY

8.5 RAYNER COFFEE GROUP HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,198: 1m) (11 runners)

1	(4)	240-301	GABISH 30 (F) (Hamdan Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 9-7	R Hills	99
2	(9)	00-200	GOLDEN MACHINE 41 (Capt M Lemos) C Britain 9-6	S Cauthen	85
3	(5)	30-0030	MARIANO 13 (D Montagu) J Dunlop 9-6	W Carson	88
4	(1)	004	TICKLE TRAP 26 (Mrs R Bonner) P Mitchell 9-5	S Whitworth	90
5	(7)	04000-0	DEMERGER 15 (C Blackwell) R Hannon 9-0	L Jones	89
7	(8)	0-40	FULL BACK 24 (S) (D Gibson) P Makin 8-11	J Reid	85
8	(6)	240-000	MELODY LANE 19 (V,G) (D Chapman) M Haynes 8-10	T Williams	91
10	(2)	20-0020	SANTELLA JACK 15 (J Fisher) M Ryan 8-10	P Robinson	97
11	(10)	000	MOON WARRIOR 33 (P Allen) D Wilson 8-10	Pat Eddery	88
12	(11)	000-012	ROWLANDSONS GEMS 18 (F) (Rowlandsons Ltd) A Ingham 8-9	R Fox	95
13	(3)	400-000	SUNLEY LEISURE 21 (Sunley Holdings Plc) R Hannon 7-8	G Hills (7)	90

BETTING: 5-2 Rowlandsons Gems, 7-2 Gabish, 4-1 Mariano, 5-1 Golden Machine, 8-1 Santella Jack, 10-1 Tickle Trap, 14-1 others.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

8.35 VOLKART FILLIES HANDICAP (£3,110: 1m 2f) (9 runners)

2	(8)	1-1	YALCIYNA 13 (G) (H H Aga Khan) L Cumani 3-10-2 (Sex)	L Dettori (5)	95
4	(1)	30-1002	ALIPURA 17 (G) (Mrs R Allason) D Laing 3-9-8	T Williams	90
5	(2)	001-000	PERSIAN TAPESTRY 28 (F) (Binfield Manor Farms Ltd) P Cundell 4-9-5	S Dawson	86
6	(6)	20003-0	SUNLEY PARK STREET 30 (V) (Sunley Holdings Plc) J Jenkins 4-9-1	Pat Eddery	85
7	(7)	00-0203	MARIE BABY 24 (J Williams) G Roe 4-9-0	J Williams	88
8	(5)	000	RULE THE PASS 307 (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-10	T Quinn	88
9	(4)	00-00	NOUNIYA 24 (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 3-8-10	J Reid	80
10	(9)	40-0122	YAMRAH 5 (F) (Miss B Sanders) Miss B Sanders 4-8-9	G Bardwell (3)	99
12	(3)	00-0	FAR CLAIM 26 (Mrs D Blackwood) R Hannon 3-8-3	A McGlone	—

BETTING: 11-10 Yalciyna, 4-1 Rule The Pass, 6-1 Yamrah, 8-1 Marie Baby, 10-1 Alipura, 12-1 Nouniya, 14-1 others.

1987: LIZZY HARE 3-9-3 L Dettori (15-8 fav) L Cumani 7 ran

9.5 COFFEE TRADE FEDERATION MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,921: 6f) (8 runners)

1	(4)		ALLAZZAZ (Hamdan Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
5	(5)		REEF GALLES (M McCourt) M McCourt 9-0	A Tucker (7)	5
6	(6)	0	TALONS TALE 5 (Talon Ltd) R Hannon 9-0	NOT QUALIFIED	—
8	(2)		VAIGLY PERCEPTIVE (A Shenston) G Stevens 9-0	D McKay	—
9	(3)		YOUNG TURPIN (H Senn) D Elsworth 9-0	S Cauthen	—
10	(8)		FOOL IVOR (Mrs V Caucci del Bono) J Dunlop 8-9	J Reid	—
11	(7)		MISS GARUDA (J Pearce) W Hastings-Bass 8-9	W R Swinburn	—
12	(1)		MISS SECRETO (Mrs V Gaucci del Bono) J Dunlop 8-9	W Carson	—

BETTING: 5-4 Allazzaz, 7-2 Miss Garuda, 4-1 Fool Ivor, 8-1 Young Turpin, 12-1 Miss Secreto, 16-1 Reef Galles, 20-1 Vaigly Perceptive.

1987: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per cent
L Cumani	16	59	27.1
R J Houghton	5	35	14.3
P Cole	10	70	14.3
Pat Mitchell	3	21	14.3
M McCourt	3	26	11.5
J Winter	3	27	11.1

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Pat Eddery	40	179	22.3
S Cauthen	30	160	18.8
J Reid	13	78	16.7
W Carson	29	184	15.8
W R Swinburn	11	95	11.6
T Williams	8	73	11.0

GOODWOOD

Selections

By Mandarin	By Our Newmarket Correspondent
6.45 Sparky Lad.	6.45 Spitzabit.
7.10 Etaab.	7.10 Etaab.
7.35 Alo' Niko.	7.35 Keep It Simple.
8.05 Full Back.	8.05 Gabish.
8.35 Yalciyna.	8.35 Yalciyna.
9.05 Allazzaz.	9.05 Miss Garuda.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 7.10 ETAAB.

Going: firm **Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best**

6.45 MCGREGOR CORY COFFEE CUP HANDICAP (£2,915: 6f) (3 runners)

3	(2)	6-10210	SPARKY LAD 13 (D,F,G,S) (J Clark) J Jenkins 5-9-10	Pat Eddery	96
5	(3)	00-0002	NUMISMATIST 17 (CD,F,G) (Mrs C Read) Pat Mitchell 4-8-9	R Fox	98
7	(1)	000034	SPITZABIT 26 (D,G) (Mrs C Read) Pat Mitchell 4-8-6	R Street	93

BETTING: 6-5 Sparky Lad, 2-1 Numismatist, 5-2 Spitzabit.

1987: NUMISMATIST 8-8-6 R Street (3-1) M Francis 7 ran

7.10 NESCAFE CLASSIC CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,194: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

1	(5)	30-0430	KING WILLIAM 16 (B) (W Said) N Callaghan 9-3	W Newnes	83
4	(6)	030	LIADETT 44 (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 8-12	Pat Eddery	99
5	(3)	0-342	ETAAB 19 (M Salem) B Hanbury 8-9	S Cauthen	96
7	(7)	00-02	BENOIT 27 (Lt Col W Whetherley) P Makin 8-7	T Williams	83
8	(4)	00-0030	GLEN OAK 17 (A Oppenheimer) D Laing 8-7	L Jones	76
9	(8)	0004-0	MR MURDOCK 13 (A-Team Bloodstock Ltd) J Fox 8-7	W Carson	97
12	(1)	00-0002	VICEROY MELODY 17 (F Broom) R Hannon 8-4	N Adams	—
13	(9)	00	DOC'S COAT 12 (J Stones) C Wildman 8-3	R Hills	88
14	(2)	000-00	FINAL TRIP 19 (B) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) J Winter 8-2	J Reid	92

BETTING: Evens Etaab, 3-1 Viceroy Melody, 9-2

CRICKET: WEST INDIAN FAST BOWLER COLLECTS RECORD 60-OVER BURST TO TAKE DERBYSHIRE THROUGH

Holding purrs to best figures as Sussex are humbled

By Geoffrey Wheeler

Michael Holding, of Derbyshire, known as the Rolls-Royce of fast bowlers, must have looked as menacing as a Tiger tank to the Sussex batsmen in yesterday's NatWest Trophy first round game at Hove.

The Jamaican, aged 34, who retired from international cricket last year after capturing 249 wickets in 60 Tests, set record bowling figures for the 60-over competition by taking eight for 21 as Sussex were dismissed for 134 and eventually beaten by six wickets.

Like many great bowlers before him Holding found inspiration from morning conditions at the ground and threatened to end the contest before lunch. Bowling at a great pace down the hill and aided by reliable close catching he had Sussex at 27 for six, claiming all six wickets at a personal cost of 15 runs in eight overs.

Moores and Pigott put together 68 for the seventh wicket but when Holding returned after the lunch interval he needed only seven balls to fire out Pigott for an admirable 53 from 97 balls and his ninth-wicket partner Clarke, without conceding any further runs.

The previous best in the NatWest Trophy and its predecessor, the Gillette Cup, was Derek Underwood's eight for 31 for Kent against Scotland last year. Holding's figures would have been even more remarkable had his no balls not been counted against him — a recent innovation — for he was debitted with nine of these.

"I get better with age," Holding said. "The pitch helped me. It is the first time this season I have been able to get the ball above shoulder height.

No bowler has taken eight wickets in the Benson and Hedges Cup competition, over 55 overs, but another West Indian, Keith Boyce, returned eight for 26 for Essex against Lancashire in the 40 overs-a-side John Player League game in 1971.

The Derbyshire captain, Barnett, launched his side's reply with a brisk 49 and although there was a hiccup when the fourth wicket fell at 79 Morris and Maher knocked off the remaining runs.

Only two of the underdogs who won the toss yesterday had the nerve to bat — Hertfordshire at Lord's and Ireland at Bristol. Hertfordshire got bogged down against the spin of Emburey and Tuffnell, who allowed only 44 runs in their combined 24 overs, and could do no better than 142 for seven. Middlesex required less than 25 overs to knock off the runs, with Gatting unbeaten with 80.

Cohen, an opening batsman, stayed over three hours for 66 to sustain Ireland against Gloucestershire and enable them to reach 186, despite Alderman's five for 34. This total proved inadequate however as Stovold and Wright raced away to a century partnership, Stovold completing his own hundred off only 119 deliveries just before Gloucestershire completed a nine wicket victory.

Essex's winning margin of 291 runs against Wiltshire at Chelmsford was the second highest in the history of the competition. Gooch made 70 in 80 balls.

This was one more than Scotland, who on a rather sporting pitch at Edinburgh dismissed Glamorgan for 179. But the home batsmen were soon in the toils against Shastri's high class left arm spin and he finished with five for 13.

Lancashire's total of 305 at Old Trafford was far too many for Lincolnshire who could muster than no more than 147. Wasim Akram taking four for 27.

Chris Smith's 117 and his opening partnership of 163 with Terry proved ample insurance for Hampshire avoiding the fate which befell Yorkshire against Shropshire at Telford four years ago. Despite a battling 83 from Jones Shropshire could do no better than 208 for seven in reply to 294 for five.

The England Rugby Union international, Bailey, took three for 42 for Suffolk against Leicestershire, guided to 255 for nine by Gower, who was out to the last ball of the innings for 99. Suffolk, always behind the clock, finished at 168 for six.

As they must have feared the Cumberland bowlers fell foul of Graeme Hick at Worcester where his glorious 138, with four sixes and 18 fours, and Neale's 98 was the basis of a total of a Worcestershire score 336 for five and an eventual victory by 108 runs.

Second round draw

Yorkshire v Middlesex (at Headingley); Cheshire v Derbyshire (at Chester); Nottinghamshire v Worcestershire (at Trent Bridge); Essex v Surrey (at Chelmsford); Kent v Warwickshire (at Canterbury); Leicestershire v Gloucestershire (at Leicester); Glamorgan v Lancashire (at Cardiff); Hampshire v Somerset (at Southampton).



Old master caught short: Graham Roope is run out for 21 as David Bairstow and Ian Swallow celebrate for Yorkshire (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Rampant Randall the entertainer

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

TORQUAY (Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire beat Devon by 64 runs

Even at the age of 37, with his enigmatic Test career a distant memory, Derek Randall remains one of cricket's vivid entertainers. When the mood takes him, as it did on this balmy seaside day, he is impossible to contain.

Devon, not one of the strongest minor counties, were feeling rather pleased with life after limiting the Trophy holders to 113 for three from 40 overs on a good batting pitch. They might even have begun to fancy their chances. But Randall savagely disillusioned them with a remarkable 149 not out, dominating an unbroken stand of 205 with the acting captain, Birch.

Randall's first 50 occupied a sedate 23 overs. It then became a different game, and in a frantic final 10 overs, Nottinghamshire flogged 127 runs, of which Randall's share was 98. He faced, in all, just 110 balls and hit six sixes and 19 fours, mixing wristy on-drives of exquisite timing with basic, backyard slogging. Seldom can a set of bowlers have been so rapidly demoralized.

Devon are not new to this sort of punishment. They had a bad experience on the corresponding day last year when Worcestershire amassed 404 for three and beat them by 299 runs, both figures being competition records.

With that in mind, they can regard yesterday's efforts before a packed crowd as a minor triumph, especially as *anno domini* seems finally to have trapped Yeabsley, their great old retainer: he has back trouble and was a reluctant spectator.

Allin, their other notable, once of Glamorgan, only just made it, having failed to link up with the team on Tuesday night due to a staff crisis on his North Devon farm. He had to stay to do the milking but arrived in time to bowl a tidy spell of left-arm spin.

The best bowling, however, came from a sandy-haired youngster named Mark Woodman, whose immaculately controlled seamers dismissed Broad, a distinguished victim for one who has overcome the handicap of being deaf and dumb.

Once Randall had plundered so hungrily, however, even this presently dishevelled Nottinghamshire side was safe from disasters.

Devon did not bat at all badly and the MCC groundstaff player, Roger Twose, made an attractive 56, but it was no more than consolatory satisfaction.

Yorkshire owe debt to Fletcher

By Martin Searby

FINCHAMPSTEAD (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire beat Berkshire by 10 wickets

As Trevor Bailey, the adjudicator, confirmed, the real man of the match in this NatWest Trophy first-round tie was the groundsman who produced the best batting pitch Yorkshire have seen this year. In the event he gave it to Fletcher, whose three for 20 in 12 overs went a long way towards confining Berkshire to 105 and capped a splendid week for him in which he has taken 15 wickets for 106 runs in all competitions.

Berkshire's batsmen were not given enough bad balls to instill confidence and even Roope, veteran of 21 Tests, was stuck on 17 for 14 overs before he was run out by an athletic pick-up and direct hit on the one stump he had to aim at by Swallow.

Further calamities befell Berkshire when Simmons, the captain, was hit a sickening blow between the eyes by a Metcalfe cut when fielding in the gully but after stitching he bravely returned wearing a head bandage. Roope twisted his ankle and departed but on a pitch of disquality Metcalfe savagely set about some moderate bowling, hitting Lewington, who had seven years with Warwickshire, twice over long-on for sixes and adding eight other boundaries from the 58 balls he faced.

Durham lose their way with catches

By Ivo Tennant

DARLINGTON (Durham won toss): Somerset beat Durham by 34 runs

For as long as the NatWest competition continues, Durham will be able to boast of victories over Yorkshire and Derbyshire, and, had they held their catches yesterday, they might well have beaten another first-class county, Somerset.

Yet well before tea, a Durham victory was no more than a pipedream. They lost four wickets in 12 overs and although there was a flurry at the end, Cairns hitting a brisk half-century, the game was by then over as a contest.

Having begun rather better than Somerset — Lister and Johnson took 40 off the first 10 overs — Durham lost their way. Like many a side before them, they found that no slow bowler knows the one-day game as well as Marks.

He checked the run rate and Palmer took the wickets of batsmen becoming overtly anxious. Johnson, whose 16 took 18 overs, and Burn and Riddell for ducks. Lister, who was playing in the Durham side that beat Derbyshire three years ago, was caught at mid-off four runs short of a half century.

Durham really had only themselves to blame. They failed to hold their catches — the final count was eight put down and two stumpings missed. Hardy should have been out on four occasions. In the field Durham looked like what they were, useful players past their prime taking a day off from the office.

Roebuck and Hardy made their first wicket partnership worth 96 in 33 overs. If this was not a racing start, it had something to do with the ball not coming onto the bat. Durham's attack was much of a muchness, predominantly military medium, but it did include Cairns, the former New Zealand Test cricketer, who is the professional at Bishop Auckland.

All the bowlers made Hardy work for his runs. The innings was in its 58th over when he reached his 100, which included six fours and a six. It was his highest innings in limited-overs cricket. No one else stayed for long, but there were some telling blows at the end of the innings by Palmer and Marks, who was dropped three times. Bartlett swung the last ball of the innings into the adjoining football ground.

Among those who felt in mid-afternoon that Durham had more than a reasonable chance of victory was Colin Milburn, back in his native North East to present the man of the match award. So they did have, but not after their fourth wicket fell.

Hard day's work for Surrey

By Simon Wilde

BURTON ON TRENT: Surrey beat Staffordshire by 55 runs

It was not quite the longest day yesterday, but it was long enough for Surrey. Staffordshire, their junior opponents in this NatWest Trophy first round match, refused to let the match run away from them, even in the face of a daunting total of 285 for nine.

Staffordshire batted with rare spirit, making one of the tournament's highest totals by a minor county against first-class opposition, led by the robust David Banks, the former Worcestershire batsman, who scored 62 not out and won the man-of-the-match award. He demonstrated why Warwickshire have been showing an interest in him.

Surrey, who were put in to bat, were shown the road to prosperity by Stewart, who survived an early stumping chance, Smith and the flamboyant Lynch, who hit six fours and a six.

Lynch had not been in long before he launched into the slow left-arm bowling of Flower, who is 45 and first played for the county in 1964. Staffordshire were probably heavily dependent on Flower power, but he wilted visibly as Lynch hit him straight for four and six and in the following over drove him past mid-on into the bowling green.

Banks was drafted in, but it was not just his hair that was rusty, and when Lynch crashed him back straight for another four, umpire Bird proffered a white handkerchief in mock surrender.

At the other end, however, Blank's bowling bore no relation to his name and after lunch Dutton was a worthy successor while Banks began to find a rhythm. Lynch holed out at mid-on, wickets began to fall steadily and it looked as though Surrey's innings was going to fade. Then Richards (50 off 48 balls, with seven fours) weighed in with some rural violence to take the target into the realms of fantasy for Staffordshire.

Nevertheless, as they began their reply, the minor county, boasting five players with first-class county experience, were imperturbable. It was, in fact, two local club batsmen, Archer, who made 45 in 28 overs and was dropped when 10, and Waterhouse, 52 in 30 overs, who showed the greatest composure, and Staffordshire's 100 came up in the thirtieth over — one earlier than Surrey's.

By then, however, Bullen had begun to apply a brake, and at tea Staffordshire needed 170 off 25 overs. The pressure never ceased to mount

FIRST-ROUND SCOREBOARDS IN THE NATWEST TROPHY

Essex v Wiltshire

CHELMSFORD (Wiltshire won toss): Essex beat Wiltshire by 291 runs

ESSEX
†G A Gooch c and b Simkins 70
B R Hardie c and b Simkins 77
P J Prichard c Dixon b Cooper 77
A R Border c Savage b Meehan 35
D R Pringle not out 80
A W Lilley c Cullip b Dixon 7
J P Stephenson not out 31
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 3) 9
Total (5 wkts, 60 overs) 386
G Miller, *A D Brown, J K Lever, T D Topley did not bat.*

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-112, 2-162, 3-234, 4-300, 5-309.

BOWLING: Dixon 12-0-59-1; Watts 12-0-97-0; Simkins 12-2-33-2; Meehan 12-0-97-1; Cooper 12-0-94-1.

WILTSHIRE
B H White c Border b Lever 1
†J Cullip lbw b Topley 3
K N Foyle run out 6
D J Marzer run out 13
R Savage c and b Miller 32
J J Newman c Gooch b Pringle 2
*R C Cooper c Pringle b Gooch 6
J H Dixon c Stephenson b Miller 12
D P Simkins not out 4
M A Watts lbw b Gooch 3
*P Meehan c Brown b Miller 1
Extras (lb 10, w 1, nb 1) 12
Total (41.3 overs) 95
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-6, 3-25, 4-26, 5-40, 6-71, 7-81, 8-83, 9-86.
BOWLING: Lever 8-2-17-1; Topley 9-1-17-1; Pringle 7-2-9-1; Gooch 9-3-19-2; Miller 8.3-2-23-3
Man of the match: D R Pringle.
Umpires: B Dudleston and J D Sond

Scotland v Glam

EDINBURGH (Scotland won toss): Glamorgan beat Scotland by 85 runs

GLAMORGAN
A R Butcher c Swan b Govan 47
J A Hopkins c Fleming b Rice 12
*H Morris c Rice b Govan 17
M P Maynard b Rice 35
G C Holmes c Fleming b Kerr 15
R J Shastri c Rice b Kerr 11
R C Ontong c Philip b Parfitt 8
J G Thomas c and b Rice 0
J Derrick c Swan b Rice 4
†C P Metson b Parfitt 0
S R Barwick not out 0
Extras (lb 15, lb 9, w 6) 30
Total (59.2 overs) 179
FALL OF WICKETS:1-28, 2-89, 3-104, 4-143, 5-149, 6-174, 7-174, 8-174, 9-179.
BOWLING: Rice 12-2-29-4; Ker 12-3-35-2; Parfitt 11.2-5-11-2; Govan 12-3-29-2; McIntyre 12-1-50-0.

SCOTLAND
I L Philip c Morris b Thomas 0
G B J McGurk lbw b Shastri 36
R G Swan c Metson b Ontong 9
*C E B Rice c and b Derrick 6
M J Smith c Metson b Shastri 17
B M W Patterson c Morris b Shastri 5
J W Govan c Morris b Shastri 0
†D Fleming c Morris b Shastri 0
J E Kerr c Metson b Barwick 1
G J McIntyre c Holmes b Barwick 6
C L Parfitt not out 9
Extras (lb 5) 5
Total (45.2 overs) 94
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-23, 3-34, 4-69, 5-72, 6-72, 7-74, 8-78, 9-79.
BOWLING: Thomas 6-0-14-1; Barwick 10.2-3-23-2; Ontong 12-0-27-1; Derrick 6-2-12-1; Shastri 11-2-13-5.
Man of the match: R J Shastri.
Umpires: B Leadbeater and J van Geloven.

Leics v Suffolk

LEICESTER (Suffolk won toss): Leicestershire beat Suffolk by 87 runs

LEICESTERSHIRE
N E Briers st Hallicay b Gladwin 42
R A Cobb b Green 14
P Willey c Gladwin b Bailey 15
*D I Gower b Bailey 99
J J Whitaker c Hayes b Gladwin 14
L Potter c Caley b Gladwin 22
P A J DeFreitas b Green 7
C C Lewis b Green 10
J P Agnew c Wright b Bailey 1
†P Whittcase not out 5
Extras (b2, lb 15, w 8, nb1) 26
Total (9 wkts. 60 overs) 255
G J F Ferris did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-70, 3-119, 4-161, 5-199, 6-208, 7-249, 8-250, 9-255.
BOWLING: Green 12-0-44-3, Wright 6-1-26-0, Bailey 12-3-42-3 Hayes 10-2-22-0; Caley 8-0-40-0; Gladwin 12-0-64-3.

SUFFOLK
C Gladwin c Whittcase b DeFreitas 14
J W Edrich c Whittcase b Ferris 22
M S A McEvoy b Potter 35
P D Barker c Gower b Lewis 0
G Morgan b Lewis 40
†S J Halliday run out 13
P J Hayes not out 26
†P J Caley not out 4
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 5, nb 3) 14
Total (6 wkts, 60 overs) 168
H J Wright, M D Bailey and R C Green did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-16, 2-78, 3-77, 4-83, 5-106, 6-158.
BOWLING: DeFreitas 8-1-14-1; Agnew 7-1-25-0; Ferris 6-0-28-1; Lewis 12-1-32-2; Potter 12-4-31-1; Willey 12-1-24-0; Whitaker 2-0-4-0; Gower 1-0-4-0.
Man of the match: D I Gower.
Umpires: R H Duckett and M J Kitchen.

Gloucs v Ireland

BRISTOL (Ireland won toss): Gloucestershire beat Ireland by 9 wickets

IRELAND
S J S Warke lbw b Alderman 2
M F Cohen lbw b Lawrence 66
M A Masood c Alleyne b Alderman 35
G D Harrison c Athey b Alderman 0
D A Lewis b Bainbridge 28
R McCollon b Bainbridge 13
J D Garth run out 8
*†P B Jackson not out 6
M Halliday c Athey b Alderman 3
A Nelson run out 0
H Milling c Russell b Alderman 0
Extras (b 4, lb 13, w 5, nb 3) 25
Total (59.5 overs) 186
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-62, 3-62, 4-142, 5-153, 6-175, 7-178, 8-184, 9-185.
BOWLING: Lawrance 12-2-25-1; Alderman 11.5-0-34-5; Curran 12-1-35-0; Bainbridge 12-2-42-2; Gravaney 12-1-33-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE
A W Stovold not out 104
A J Wright c Halliday b Harrison 55
P W Romaines not out 18
Extras (lb 6, w 7) 13
Total (1 wkt, 39.4 overs) 190
C W J Athey, P Bainbridge, K M Curran, M W Alleyne, †R C Russell, *D A Graveney, D A Lawrence and T M Alderman did not bat.
FALL OF WICKET: 1-116.
BOWLING: Milling 7-1-32-0; Nelson 5-1-19-0; Garth 9.4-0-45-0; Halliday 7-0-32-0; Harrison 5-0-21-1; Lewis 6-0-35-0.
Man of the match: A W Stovold.
Umpires: D J Dennis and A G T Whitehead.

Cheshire v N'hants

CHESTER (Northamptonshire won toss): Cheshire beat Northamptonshire by 1 wicket

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
*G Cook not out 53
W Larkins c Cockbain b Fox 19
R J Bailey c Smith b Crawley 7
A J Lamb c Smith b N T O'Brien 27
D J Capel b Wood 4
A G Williams c Smith b Wood 3
D J Wild c N T O'Brien b Blackburn 11
†D Ripley run out 1
N G B Cook b J F M O'Brien 9
W W Davis c Varey b J F M O'Brien 2
A Walker c Cockbain b Blackburn 7
Extras (lb 4, lb 3, w 9, nb 2) 18
Total (55.2 overs) 161
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-31, 2-43, 3-79, 4-88, 5-105, 6-124, 7-125, 8-140, 9-144.
BOWLING: Fox 8-2-24-1; Crawley 9-2-30-1; N T O'Brien 12-3-21-1; Wood 12-1-39-2; J F M O'Brien 8-1-19-2; Blackburn 8.2-0-21-2.

CHESHIRE
B Wood run out 40
D W Varey c G Cook b Capel 8
I Cockbain b N G B Cook 25
I J Tansley c Lamb b Capel 0
J J Hitchmough run out 2
*N T O'Brien c Ripley b Davis 28
S T Crawley c and b Williams 3
G J Blackburn c G Cook b Walker 19
†N Smith b Wild 5
A Fox not out 10
J F M O'Brien not out 4
Extras (b 1, lb 7, w 7, nb 4) 19
Total (9 wkts. 59.5 overs) 163
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-49, 2-56, 3-63, 4-66, 5-96, 6-101, 7-129, 8-145, 9-150.
BOWLING: Davis 12-1-48-1; Walker 11.5-2-37-1; Wild 9-3-12-1; Capel 12-3-28-2; N G B Cook 10-1-20-1; Williams 5-2-10-1.
Man of the match: B Wood.
Umpires: J Birkenshaw and T G Wilson.

Kent v Bucks

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Kent beat Buckinghamshire by 8 wickets

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
A R Harwood c Marsh b Pienaar 17
M J Roberts run out 2
T Butler c Marsh b C S Cowdrey 44
S Burrow c Tavaré b G R Cowdrey 1
*N G Hames c Marsh b Pienaar 8
T J A Scriven c Marsh b Pienaar 2
K I Hodgson c Davis b G R Cowdrey 5
G R Black b Davis 14
†D J Goldsmith c Marsh b Davis 1
A W Lyon c Pienaar b Davis 2
C D Bowden not out 0
Extras (lb 2, w 13, nb 2) 17
Total (56 overs) 113
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-43, 3-44, 4-63, 5-65, 6-70, 7-110, 8-112, 9-112.
BOWLING: Penn 10-1-22-0; Ellison 7-1-15-0; C S Cowdrey 8-0-16-1; Pienaar 12-2-19-3; G R Cowdrey 12-7-20-2; Davis 7-2-19-3.

KENT
M R Benson c Bowden b Burrow 38
N R Taylor lbw b Black 5
S G Hinks not out 64
C J Tavaré not out 6
Extras (w 2) 2
Total (2 wkts. 40.2 overs) 115
R F Pienaar, *C S Cowdrey, G R Cowdrey, †S A Marsh, R M Ellison, C Penn and R P Davis did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-84.
BOWLING: Bowden 5-2-13-0; Black 7-0-23-1; Lyon 9-0-27-0; Scriven 12-0-27-0; Burrow 6.2-0-16-1; Hodgson 1-0-9-0.
Man of the match: R F Pienaar.
Umpires: C T Spencer and P B Wight.

Sussex v Derbyshire

HOVE (Sussex won toss): Derbyshire beat Sussex by 6 wickets

SUSSEX
R I Alikhan c Sharma b Holding 9
D K Standing c Roberts b Holding 4
*P W G Parker c Maher b Holding 0
Imran Khan c Barnett b Holding 0
C M Wells c Mayer b Holding 0
A P Wells c Roberts b Holding 0
†P Moores c Holding b Newman 20
A C S Pigott c Roberts b Holding 53
S J S Kimber c Maher b Newman 0
A R Clarke c Maher b Holding 24
A M Babington not out 0
Extras (lb 4, w 7, nb 13) 24
Total (48.1 overs) 134
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-9, 3-10, 4-22, 5-27, 6-27, 7-95, 8-95, 9-129.
BOWLING: Holding 10.1-2-21-6; Newman 9-4-15-2; Warner 8-2-27-0; Jean-Jacques 10-0-46-0; Sharma 6-1-16-0; Roberts 3-0-5-0.

DERBYSHIRE
*K J Barnett lbw b Babington 49
P D Bowler c Moores b Pigott 6
B Roberts c Alikhan b Imran 9
J E Morris not out 43
S C Goldsmith c Moores b C M Wells 3
†P J M Maher not out 21
Extras (lb 1, w 2, nb 1) 4
Total (4 wkts, 29.1 overs) 135
R Sharma, M Jean-Jacques, A E Warner, P G Newman and M A Holding did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-35, 2-60, 3-74, 4-79.
BOWLING: Imran 10.1-1-49-1; Pigott 7-1-34-1; Babington 6-0-32-1; C M Wells 6-0-19-1.
Man of the match: M A Holding.
Umpires: P E Eele and R A White.

Berks v Yorkshire

FINCHAMPSTEAD (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire beat Berkshire by 10 wickets

BERKSHIRE
M G Lickley c Bairstow b Fletcher 7
G E Loveday lbw b Sidebottom 15
*M L Simmons c Bairstow b Jarvis 0
D Gorman c Bairstow b Sidebottom 0
G R J Roope run out 21
M G Stear b Shaw 23
D Hartley run out 8
†M E Stevens b Fletcher 11
†P Dodd b Fletcher 15
J H Jones b Jarvis 2
P Lewington not out 0
Extras (b 1, lb 1, w 1) 3
Total (57.1 overs) 105
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-18, 3-21, 4-28, 5-64, 6-72, 7-77, 8-102, 9-105.
BOWLING: Jarvis 11-1-18-2; Fletcher 10.1-2-20-3; Sidebottom 12-3-22-2; Shaw 12-5-20-1; Carrick 12-4-23-0.

YORKSHIRE
M D Moxon not out 33
A A Metcalfe not out 74
Extras (lb 2) 2
Total (no wkt. 26.5 overs) 109
K Sharp, P E Robinson, I G Swallow, †D L Bairstow, *P Carrick, A Sidebottom, P W Jarvis, S D Fletcher and C Shaw did not bat.
BOWLING: Jones 7-0-31-0; Stear 6-3-13-0; Lewington 4-0-27-0; Hartley 6.5-0-27-0; Dodd 3-1-9-0.
Man of the match: A A Metcalfe.
Umpires: D J Constant and H J Rhodes.

Middlesex v Herts

LORD'S (Hertfordshire won toss): Middlesex beat Hertfordshire by 8 wickets

HERTFORDSHIRE
A J Miller c and b Tufnell 44
N P G Wright c Emburey b Tufnell 8
S P Henderson lbw Tufnell 17
N Gilbert c Emburey b Fraser 4
*E P Neal b Williams 0
M C G Wright lbw b Emburey 19
†M W C Olley c Downton b Williams 14
T S Smith not out 4
W G Merry not out 4
Extras (b 2, lb 19, w 5, nb 2) 28
Total (7 wkts. 60 overs) 142
D Surridge and R J Halley did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-75, 3-92, 4-92, 5-93, 6-121, 7-134.
BOWLING: Williams 11-3-22-2; Fraser 12-3-25-1; Gatting 5-2-14-0; Hughes 8-2-16-0; Tufnell 12-4-29-3; Emburey 12-6-15-1.

MIDDLESEX
J D Carr c Olley b Merry 42
W N Slack c Olley b Merry 0
*M W Gatting not out 80
R O Butcher not out 13
Extras (lb 4, w 4) 8
Total (2 wkts, 24.5 overs) 143
K R Brown, †P R Downton, J E Emburey, S P Hughes, N F Williams, A R C Fraser and P C R Tufnell did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-115.
BOWLING: Surridge 6.5-0-35-0; Merry 9-0-33-2; Halley 3-0-22-0; Smith 3-0-21-0; Neal 3-0-28-0.
Man of the match: P C R Tufnell.
Umpires: J Harris and D S Thomsett.

Worcs v Cumberland

WORCESTER (Worcestershire won toss): Worcestershire beat Cumberland by 55 runs

WORCESTERSHIRE
T S Curtis b Reidy 40
G J Lord c Dutton b Hallswell 0
D A Hick b Hallswell 138
D B D'Oliveira lbw b Reidy 0
*P A Neale c Dutton b Hallswell 98
M J Weston not out 45
†S J Rhodes not out 2
Extras (b1, lb 8, w 4) 13
Total (5 wkts,60 overs) 336
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-85, 3-95, 4-247, 5-326.
P J Newport, N V Radford, G R Dilley and A P Pridgeon did not bat.
BOWLING: Hallswell 12-1-58-3; Scothern 12-0-93-0; Wall 12-3-68-0; Reidy 12-1-54-2; Woods 12-0-54-0.

CUMBERLAND
C J Stockdale c Rhodes b Weston 51
S Sharp b Radford 16
K A Hayes b Weston 29
B W Reidy c Rhodes b Hick 2
G J Clarke c Lord b Pridgeon 36
J R Moyes lbw b Hick 2
†S M Dutton c Neale b Newport 40
M D Woods not out 21
S Wall c Hick b Curtis 11
M G Scothern not out 2
Extras (b 8, lb 2, w 7, nb 1) 18
Total (8 wkts, 60 overs) 228
D Hallinwell did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-93, 3-96, 4-102, 5-115, 6-189, 7-191, 8-207.
BOWLING: Dilley 6-1-15-0; Radford 6-0-25-1; Pridgeon 10-1-35-1; Newport 10-0-35-1; Weston 12-1-53-2; Hick 12-1-37-2; Curtis 2-1-8-1; D'Oliveira 2-0-12-0.
Man of the match: G A Hick.
Umpires: C Cook and J H Hampshire.

Shropsire v Hants

TELFORD (Shropshire won toss): Hampshire beat Shropshire by 86 runs

HAMPSHIRE
V P Terry c Johnson b Edmunds 83
C L Smith c Johnson b Wormald 117
D R Turner lbw b Barnard 0
R A Smith c Ashley b Maninder 40
S T Jefferies c Roberts b Wormald 39
N G Cowley not out 1
J R Ayling not out 1
Extras (b 1, lb 5, w 7) 13
Total (5 wkts, 60 overs) 294
*M C J Nicholas, †R J Parks, S J W Andrew and C A Connor did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-163, 2-163, 3-225, 4-291, 5-292.
BOWLING: Wormald 12-1-85-2; Roberts 12-2-29-0; Maninder 12-2-59-1; Edmunds 12-0-67-1; Barnard 12-0-49-1.

SHROPSHIRE
*J Foster b Jefferies 21
J B R Jones run out 83
J S Johnson b Jefferies 0
T Parton run out 33
M R Davis run out 16
P W Wormald c R A Smith b C L Smith 14
Maninder Singh not out 3
†D J Ashley st Parks b C L Smith 8
Extras (b 2, lb 22, w 3, nb 5) 30
Total (7 wkts, 60 overs) 208
G Edmunds, A S Barnard and J S Roberts did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-51, 3-165, 4-165, 5-167, 6-197, 7-208.
BOWLING: Andrew 12-1-32-0; Connor 10-3-20-0; Jefferies 12-1-40-2; Ayling 11-5-26-0; Cowley 12-0-33-0; C L Smith 2-0-24-2; Nicholas 1-0-3-0.
Man of the match: C L Smith.
Umpires: A A Jones and K J Lyons.

Durham v Somerset

DARLINGTON (Durham won toss): Somerset bt Durham by 34 runs

SOMERSET
*P M Roebuck b Greensword 47
J J E Hardy run out 100
T G Wyatt run out 8
S R Waugh st Fothergill b Conn 21
G V Palmer b Conn 17
V J Marks b Cairns 21
G D Rose st Fothergill b Conn 8
R J Bartlett not out 6
†N D Burns not out 7
Extras (b 2, lb 1, w 4, nb 4) 11
Total (7 wkts, 60 overs) 240
N A Mallender and A N Jones did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-96, 2-105, 3-166, 4-200, 5-214, 6-227, 7-233.
BOWLING: Johnston 12-1-28-0; Tindale 5-1-17-0; Cairns 12-0-60-1; Greensword 12-2-44-1; Conn 12-2-34-3; Patel 7-1-54-0.

DURHAM
J W Lister c Rose b Waugh 46
W Johnson c Burns b Palmer 16
P Burn lbw b Palmer 0
*N A Riddell c Waugh b Palmer 0
A Patel run out 14
S Greensword lbw b Mallender 19
I Cairns c Wyatt b Mallender 54
J Tindale st Burns b Waugh 30
I Conn not out 4
†A Fothergill not out 3
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 9, nb 1) 20
Total (8 wkts, 60 overs) 206
J Johnston did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-55, 2-59, 3-64, 4-72, 5-102, 6-113, 7-196, 8-200.
BOWLING: Jones 5-0-41-0; Mallender 11-1-35-2; Rose 9-3-27-0; Palmer 12-3-24-3; Marks 12-3-24-0; Waugh 11-3-45-2.
Man of the match: J J E Hardy.
Umpires: D Osleer and B Harrison.

Devon v Notts

TORQUAY (Nottinghamshire won toss): Nottinghamshire beat Devon by 64 runs

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
B C Broad c R G Twose b Woodman 27
M Newell b R G Twose 35
P Johnson c Wallen b Allin 16
D W Randall not out 149
*J D Birch not out 55
Extras (lb 13, w 7) 20
Total (3 wkts, 60 overs) 302
F D Stephenson, E E Hemmings, K P Evans, †C W Scott, K E Cooper and K Saxelby did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-75, 3-97.
BOWLING: Brown 12-1-63-0; Cottam 12-2-51-0; Woodman 12-2-39-1; Allin 12-2-45-1; R G Twose 10-2-48-1; Edwards 1-0-9-0; R P Twose 1-0-14-0.

DEVON
K G Rice c Scott b Hemmings 28
R P Twose b Stephenson 1
N R Gaywood c Newell b Cooper 9
G Wallen c Scott b Evans 27
R G Twose c Scott b Evans 56
*J H Edwards c Evans b Stephenson 4
P A Brown not out 67
†R C Turpin not out 29
Extras (lb 14, w 2, nb 1) 17
Total (8 wkts, 60 overs) 238
A W Allin, M A Cottam and M C Woodman did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-24, 3-56, 4-76, 5-114, 6-161.
BOWLING: Stephenson 10-5-24-2; Cooper 12-3-25-1; Saxelby 12-0-48-0; Hemmings 12-3-38-1; Evans 11-1-48-2; Randall 1-0-20-0; Johnson 1-0-11-0; Newell 1-0-10-0.
Man of the match: D W Randall.
Umpires: D Halfyard and R Palmer.

Marshall leads

Malcolm Marshall has taken over from Richard Hadlee as the leading bowler in the Deloittes world rankings as a result of his performance for West Indies in the Lord's Test match. He has 902 points, followed by Hadlee with 882 and Imran Khan with 851.

Warwicks v Cambs

EDGBASTON (Warwicks won toss): Warwickshire beat Cambridgeshire by 67 runs

WARWICKSHIRE
*T A Lloyd run out 121
A J Moles c Wykes b Stephenson 25
Asif Din c Stephenson b Wykes 25
†G W Humpage c Gadsby b Wykes 2
P A Smith b Wykes 6
A C Storie b Turner 1
S J Greene b Collard 1
G J Parsons not out 15
A T Merrick run out 13
N Gifford not out 3
Extras (b 11, lb 10, w 6, nb 1) 28
Total (8 wkts, 60 overs) 240
T A Munton did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-115, 2-168, 3-189, 4-200, 5-201, 6-203, 7-204, 8-224.
BOWLING: Turner 12-1-23-1; Rice 12-1-48-0; Wykes 12-0-38-3; Stephenson 12-0-58-1; Collard 12-0-55-1.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE
*N A Gadsby lbw b Smith 18
I S Lawrence c Humpage b Merrick 0
†M A Garnham c and b Asif Din 110
P A Redfarn c Humpage b Smith 6
P J Dicks st Humpage b Gifford 13
S Turner run out 3
C W A Thornly not out 11
G S Rice not out 0
Extras (b 2, lb 7, w 1, nb 2) 12
Total (6 wkts, 60 overs) 173
M G Stephenson, D C Collard and A P A Wykes did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-51, 3-71, 4-102, 5-105, 6-166.
BOWLING: Merrick 9-6-3-1; Munton 12-1-42-0; Parsons 12-0-38-0; Smith 12-0-54-2; Gifford 12-0-27-1; Asif Din 3-1-3-1.
Man of the match: M A Garnham.
Umpires: J Holder and N T Plews.

Lancashire v Lincs

OLD TRAFFORD (Lincolnshire won toss): Lancashire beat Lincolnshire by 158 runs

LANCASHIRE
G D Mendis c and b French 64
G Fowler run out 38
T E Jesty c Fell b Kelk 37
N H Fairbrother not out 80
M Watkinson run out 2
*D P Hughes b Fell 23
Wasim Akram b Fell 14
A N Hayhurst c Kelk b Fell 35
†W K Hegg b Butler 6
P J W Allott c Fell b Butler 0
J Simmons b Butler 0
Extras (lb 4, w 2) 6
Total (59.5 overs) 305
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-80 2-131 3-145 4-159 5-214 6-239 7-287 8-304 9-301
BOWLING: Kelk 9-1-54-1; French 12-0-56-1; Marshall 12-1-57-0; Burton 12-1-64-0; Fell 12-0-50-3; Butler 2.5-0-20-3.

LINCOLNSHIRE
J G Franks c Fairbrother b Simmons 42
G J Carsberg c Jesty b Akram 1
G Wicks c Hughes b Allott 12
M A Fell c Simmons b Hayhurst 27
P R Butler lbw b Simmons 33
M French b Akram 1
*H Plougher lbw b Akram 0
D Marshall c Hegg b Watkinson 4
†M P Dobbs b Akram 2
R L Burton b Hayhurst 4
S D Kelk not out 2
Extras (lb 8, w 10, nb 1) 19
Total (53 overs) 147
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5 2-47 3-77 4-90 5-109 6-109 7-119 8-130 9-139
BOWLING: Akram 12-2-27-4; Allott 9-2-24-1; Watkinson 12-2-37-1; Hayhurst 11-2-34-2; Simmons 9-1-27-2.
Man of the match: N H Fairbrother.
Umpires: B J Mey

CRICKET

No heroics as Kent cruise into next round

By John Woodcock

CANTERBURY: Kent beat Buckinghamshire by eight wickets

Without finding the championship leaders quite as awesome as they might have expected, Buckinghamshire were still comfortably beaten by Kent in the first round of the NatWest Trophy yesterday. Kent had eight wickets in hand and 19.4 overs left when they scored the 114 they needed to win.

Appearing at their headquarters for the first time for almost a month — they have come bursting through the championship field since they played there last — Kent were warmly received. The last time they won six successive championship matches was in 1920.

In 1906, the year of their first title, they won 11 in a row, an extraordinary sequence, not least because of the English climate. Taking a victory against the West Indians at Catford into account, they won 12 successive matches between July 12 and September 1.

Put in to bat yesterday, Buckinghamshire lost Roberts early on, sent back by Harwood and run out by Graham Cowdrey. That was their best player of last year gone. While Harwood and Butler were together it looked as though Kent might have some work ahead of them; but the ball moved about enough for the medium-pacers, with the wicketkeeper's help, to stay well in control. Batting, as Butler did, for 43 overs was by no means insignificant.

If, as happened in 1974, when they last played Buckinghamshire in the first round of the knock-out tournament, Kent are to go on to win it, they will need to bowl straighter than they did yesterday. There were 13 wides in the Buckinghamshire total, which was careless of Kent.

Buckinghamshire, in their turn, bowled quite tidily. In a bustling opening spell, Black beat Benson three times in one over and there was some tidy spin bowling from Scriven (slow left-arm) and Lyon (off-breaks). Scriven's figures will interest Somerset, for whom he played last week in the Bath Festival.

A catch or two went down, however, and by 4.30 on a warm and sunny afternoon the match was over. David Allen, looking remarkably unchanged from the days when he bowled for England, made Pienaar the man of the match — one in which there were no heroics.

Swansea's first win led by Dale

Durham's attempt to win the Universities Athletic Union championship for the third successive time foundered at Derby, when they were beaten by Swansea, who won the competition for the first time.

Swansea's 56-run victory was built around a second-wicket stand of 154 between Adrian Dale, who made 110 and Steve James, the Glamorgan batsman, who scored 82. The pair enabled the Welsh university to reach 272 for five from their 60 overs. Dale completed an excellent all-round contribution by taking four wickets as Durham were bowled out for 216 with only Martin Speight, the Sussex wicketkeeper, threatening to turn the game with 84 off 76 balls.

SCORES: Swansea University 272-5 (60 overs) (A Dale 110, S P James 82; Durham University 216 (52.3 overs) (M P Speight 84; Dale 4-64). Swansea won by 56 runs.

Demolition job

Córdoba (Reuter) — The French Rugby Union touring side turned out its reserves to score a 42-9 victory over the Argentinian provincial side of Córdoba Union. After a 13-3 half-time lead, the visitors then gave a display of "demolition rugby" with Didier Camberabero leading attack after attack.

ROWING

Coni ponders changing Henley's date

By Jim Railton

Henley Royal regatta next week will be alive and well and a financial success. Its success comes from a lively team of management led by Peter Coni, the chairman. Coni, ambitious as ever, aired some personal views, including how to attract more top-class crews into the open events and women's events in future yesterday.

Coni wonders whether the date needs to change, although it could survive well in its present state. Coni wants to see the world's best crews entered, although the regatta is already enhanced by Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes, Britian's world champions in the Goblets, and this year most of the British national squad will compete.

The problem for Henley is that the weekend after the regatta, most of the world's best crews are at Lucerne on the perfect Rotsee course. Coni not only wants quantity at Henley but also quality, but before a suggestion of a move of the date is made he will wish to air his views with the Henley stewards; The International Rowing Federation and "our old friends in Amsterdam" whose regatta would be seriously affected.

If Henley changed its date, the whole international rowing calendar may well have to change step. Coni was also impressed with the inaugural women's regatta and with others will watch with interest how they progress and in particular raise the quality of their regatta which will inevitably depend on attracting a major sponsor.

TENNIS: DAN MASKELL, STILL ILLUMINATING WIMBLEDON AT 80, HAS WRITTEN HIS AUTOBIOGRAPHY

A gentle man who voices an ideal state of the game

COMMENTARY



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Dan Maskell, in the words of someone who has known him since he embarked on his professional career as a full-time ball boy at Queen's Club in 1923, is popular because he epitomized what so many of the English believe they would like to be. Courteous, modest, understated. His carefully modulated voice, known to millions since his first televised Wimbledon broadcast in 1951, has that quality which, without ever stating as much, always charmingly reminds us that tennis, however turbulent or epic the match, is still only a game.

Some might say that Maskell, still illuminating at 80 the most widely discussed event in the sporting calendar, was nice to a fault. Extremes of misbehaviour have never brought from him anything more censorious than "Oh dear". This English reluctance to advocate punitive measures is perhaps a characteristic of those establishment figures whom, by social metamorphosis, he has come to be seen to represent.

We are now witnessing the new McEnroe with added whiteness; yet of the devil's disciple at his worst four or five years ago, Maskell can only say in his autobiography: "More likely to be remembered not for his tennis but for some truly appalling behaviour . . . if only the authorities had made him pay the penalty . . ." and so on. You cannot but wonder how Maskell, whose kindly manner never allowed him to say no to anyone, would have fared as chairman of a diciplinary commission!

Maskell is fascinating on two counts: primarily because he has seen, played against, advised or commentated on every great player from Tilden and Lenglen to the present day, but also because, as a working-class boy from Fulham denied a full academic education by family impecuniosity, he penetrated the bastions of social privilege in that period between the wars when upstairs and downstairs were mostly unbreachable.

His judgement, whether coaching some of the foremost men and women — most notably, perhaps, the pre-war Davis Cup team with Perry and Austen — or commentating, has always had that calm, sensible assurance which makes fine teachers. It helped make him, too, a rescuer of broken limbs and minds as senior rehabilitation officer for the RAF, for which he was awarded the OBE. Not, it should be said, for guarding Hastings Pier from imminent invasion with a rifle without bayonet or bullets.



Maskell: generous of spirit

Threading a racket handle through the net and projecting six inches above the tape just inside the sideline, Maskell helped Perry perfect his blocked backhand passing shot "until he could hit the handle almost at will". What Maskell may lack in authoritarianism he makes up for in his celebration of anyone's skill, conveying this to the viewer without the near hysteria common to television.

He manages to make even McEnroe seem civilized: "The finest tennis I have ever seen" when beating Connors in the 1984 Wimbledon final with "reflexes as fast as any player's have ever been" and an instinct that "was the stuff of genius".

Maskell places McEnroe sixth in his all-time list, headed by Laver, Budge, Tilden, Perry and Borg, and including Cochet, Borotra, Rosewall and Connors . . . but not, controversially, Hoad. The other morning, at about the time some are still abed, I caught him just before he headed off from Dorking for his 453rd unbroken day's commentary at the championships. Why no Hoad? The reply was predictably professorial: "I always felt Lew was spectacular to a degree that few were more so, but there wasn't a consistency in his career — the quality of Jack Hobbs, for instance."

Maskell's life has been a social document of our times. The fourth of eight children, whose mother died in childbirth at 47; a mechanic-turned-publican father who used to give cycling lessons to the gentry at Queen's Club for a shilling to extend a modest wage, and whose children called him "sir"; discipline at elementary school in which all were punished unless the guilty owned up, in an era of horse-drawn fire engines and London fogs where you could get lost in your own street; seaside holidays and repertory moral melodramas; and joining Queen's Club, being unable to afford grammar school fees, where he enjoyed "the sense of good breeding and orderly management that pervaded the place".

● *From Where I Sit*, by Dan Maskell and John Barrett (Collins Willow, £14.95).

Charity tennis

Ilie Nastase leads a Europe team against Australia in an exhibition match at the London Indoor Tennis Club tonight. He will play Ken Rosewall in this charity event. Manuel Orantes, of Spain, meets Owen Davidson and Bobby Wilson faces Neale Fraser in the other matches.



Master stroke: Ivan Lendl, the No. 1 seed, on his way to a second-round singles victory over Darren Cahill, of Australia, in four sets at Wimbledon yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

(Seeded players in capitals)

Men's singles

Winner: £165,000
Runner-up: £82,500
Holder: P Cash (Aus)
Second round

D Nargiso (It) bt A MANSDORF (Isr), 6-3, 3-0, retired.
J B SVENSSON (Swe) bt M Gustafsson (Swe), 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.
A Olkhovsky (USSR) bt P Aldrich (SA), 6-4, 7-5, 6-2.
P Annacone (US) bt B Stankovic (Cz), 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.
M Schapers (Neth) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 7-5, 6-2, 6-2.
T S MAYOTTE (US) bt G Holmes (US), 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.
M Woodforde (Aus) bt R Krishnan (India), 6-7, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.
B N Mair (SA) bt H Moraing (WG), 7-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.
J B Fitzgerald (Aus) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 6-4, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.
C Pridham (Can) bt U Riglewski (WG), 6-7, 7-5, 6-3, 7-5.
I LENDL (Cz) bt D Cahill (Aus), 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.
B BECKER (WG) bt K Novacek (Cz), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
S Giammalva (US) bt M Srejber (Cz), 1-6, 6-1, 6-2, 1-6, 6-3.
J Nystrom (Swe) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-7, 6-1.

Women's singles

Winner: £148,500
Runner-up: £74,250
Holder: Miss M Navratilova (US)
First round

S HANIKA (WG) bt H L Cioffi (US), 6-1, 6-2.
A C Vilagran (Arg) bt L Ferrando (It), 6-3, 6-3.
R Zrubakova (Cz) bt H A Ludloff (US), 6-3, 7-6.
J A Salmon (GB) bt P D Smylie (Aus), 6-4, 6-4.
S J Loosemore (GB) bt T A Harper (US), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.
C Singer (WG) bt S Wasserman (Bel), 6-4, 6-0.
Second round
A L Minter (Aus) bt M M Bollegraf (Neth), 6-2, 6-2.
R M White (US) bt L Golarsa (It), 6-4, 6-2.
P Paradis (Fr) bt N Herreman (Fr), 6-4, 3-6, 8-6.
B C Potter (US) bt N Bykova (USSR), 2-6, 6-4, 9-7.
Z GARRISON (US) bt C M Balestrat (Aus), 6-4, 6-3.
S GRAF (WG) bt K Quentrec (Fr), 6-2, 6-0.
E A Minter (Aus) bt G Fernandez (P Rico), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
J-A Faull (Aus) bt I Budarova (Cz), 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.
K MALEEVA (Bul) bt I Cueto (WG), 6-0, 6-4.
A Kijimuta (Japan) bt K Okamoto (Japan), 7-5, 6-3.
I Kuczynska (Pol) bt L Field (Aus), 7-5, 6-4.
H MANDLIKOVA (Aus) bt A B Henricksson (US), 6-4, 6-2.

Men's doubles

Winners: £57,200
Runners-up: £28,600
Holders: K Flach and R Seguso (US)
First round

N Broad and S Kruger (SA) bt C Hooper and T Nelson (US), 6-4, 7-6, 6-1.
M DePalmer and G Donnelly (US) bt M DAVIS and B D DREWETT (US), 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

Women's doubles

Winners: £49,500
Runners-up: £24,750
Holders: C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) and H Sukova (Cz)
First round

I Driehuis and M A Mesker (Neth) bt W Probst (WG) and A Sánchez (Sp), 6-3, 7-6.
E K Horvath (US) and M Jaggard (Aus) bt A Frazier and L Spadea (US), 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.
J M Byrne and J G Thompson (Aus) bt J E Goodling and C L Jones (US), 7-6, 6-4.
M Lindstrom (Swe) and C Porwik (WG) bt A Grossman (US) and M Yanagi (Japan), 6-1, 6-4.
L SAVCHENKO and N ZVEREVA (USSR) bt Y Koizumi (Japan) and K A Steinmetz (US), 6-1, 6-4.

TUESDAY'S LATE RESULTS

(Seeded players in capitals)

Men's singles

Winner: £165,000
Runner-up: £82,500
Holder: P Cash (Aus)
First round

J Hlasek (Switz) bt D Goldie (US), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.
P Aldrich (SA) bt P Arraya (Peru), 6-7, 6-4, 8-4, 4-6, 6-2.
J Ross (US) bt P Cane (It), 6-7, 6-2, 6-1, 3-6, 8-1.
G Michibata (Can) bt A N Castle (GB), 6-4, 7-5, 6-4.
H MANDLIKOVA (Aus) bt L Garrone (It), 6-3, 7-5.
J-A Faull (Aus) bt M Lindstrom (Swe), 7-6, 6-3.
K Adams (US) bt V Lake (GB), 6-3, 6-2.
J Novotna (Cz) bt T Scheuer-Larsen (Den), 6-3, 7-5.
I Kuczynska (Pol) bt B Nagelsen (US), 5-7, 6-1, 6-3.
B J Cordwell (NZ) bt E M Burgin (US), 6-4, 6-3.
H SUKOVA (Cz) bt I Demongeot (Fr), 7-5, 1-6, 6-2.
M J FERNANDEZ (US) bt N A M Jagerman (Neth), 6-3, 6-2.
T Phelps (US) bt W M Turnbull (Aus), 7-5, 6-7, 6-0.
P A Fendick (US) bt C Benjamin (US), 6-2, 6-3.
E Inoue (Japan) bt W Probst (WG), 5-7, 7-5, 6-2.
S L Gomer (GB) bt P Barg (US), 7-6, 6-4.
S Meier (WG) bt M Javer (GB), 2-6, 6-3, 9-7.

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Winner: £148,500
Runner-up: £74,250
Holder: Miss M Navratilova (US)
First round

G Fernandez (P Rico) bt B Schultz (Neth), 2-6, 6-4, 8-6.
E Reinach (SA) bt C Lindqvist (Swe), 7-6, 6-4.
R D Fairbank (US) bt P F Daniels (US), 6-2, 6-3.
L SAVCHENKO (USSR) bt J Byrne (Aus), 6-2, 6-2.
I Budarova (Cz) bt S Stafford (US), 7-6, 6-3.
L G Meskhi (USSR) bt S L Collins (US), 6-4, 4-6, 9-7.
Z GARRISON (US) bt C M Balestrat (Aus), 6-4, 6-3.
S GRAF (WG) bt K Quentrec (Fr), 6-2, 6-0.
E A Minter (Aus) bt G Fernandez (P Rico), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
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WIMBLEDON TV

TENNIS: BBC1 1.50-4.10 p.m. Highlights 10.50 p.m. BBC2 2.40-6 p.m.
WEATHER: Dry with sunny spells.

KEY TO COUNTRIES

Arg: Argentina; Aus: Australia; Bel: Belgium; Br: Brazil; Bul: Bulgaria; Can: Canada; Cz: Czechoslovakia; Den: Denmark; Fin: Finland; Fr: France; GB: Great Britain; Hun: Hungary; Isr: Israel; It: Italy; Mex: Mexico; Neth: Netherlands; NZ: New Zealand; Pol: Poland; P Rico: Puerto Rico; SA: South Africa; Sp: Spain; Swe: Sweden; Switz: Switzerland; US: United States; USSR: Soviet Union; WG: West Germany; Yug: Yugoslavia.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

GOTHENBURG: International meeting: Men: 100m: C Smith (US), 10.20sec. 200m: D Everett (US), 20.28. 110m hurdles: C Clark (US), 13.56. 400m hurdles: K Young (US), 49.14. High jump: P Sjöberg (Swe), 2.30m. Women: 400m hurdles: G Tromp (Neth), 56.90. Long jump: 1, N Boagman (Aus), 6.72m; 2, C Lewis (US), 6.50. Javelin: M Colón (Cuba), 64.10m.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Philadelphia Phillies 6, Chicago Cubs 1; Montreal Expos 7, St Louis Cardinals 0; New York Mets 9, Pittsburgh Pirates 0; Houston Astros 3, Cincinnati Reds 1; Los Angeles Dodgers 2, Atlanta Braves 1; San Diego Padres 8, San Francisco Giants 3. American League: Boston Red Sox 10, Cleveland Indians 6; Detroit Tigers 7, New York Yankees 6; Baltimore Orioles 4, Toronto Blue Jays 2; California Angels 5, Minnesota Twins 4; Kansas City Royals 6, Chicago White Sox 2; Oakland Athletics 4, Milwaukee Brewers 2; Texas Rangers 6, Seattle Mariners 0.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES (Inglewood, California): NBA championship play-offs: Los Angeles Lakers 108, Detroit Pistons 105 (Los Angeles win series, 4-3).
PARIS: Tour match: France 82, US select 100.

BOARDSAILING

HAIFA: Division II lightweight world championships: Third race: 1, H Piggelin (Fr); 2, M Quintin (Fr); 3, J Davidson (Swe); 4, E Balot (Fr); 5, H-N Lie (Nor). Fourth race: 1, Piggelin; 2, K Frostad (Nor); 3, Balot; 4, M Egeblad (Den); 5, H Ling (Swe). Positions after four races: 1, Piggelin; 2, Quintin; 3, Frostad.

CYCLING

TOUR OF SWEDEN: First stage (106.3km): 1, T Wallen (Swe), 2hr 39min 17sec; 2, M Dierickx (Bel), at 5sec; 3, S Lilholt (Den), at 1.3sec; 4, E de Wilde (Bel), same time; 5, R Suun (USSR), same time.
ISLE OF MAN: Time trial (25 miles): 1, C Boardman (Manchester), 53min 10sec; 2, S Porter (Manx), 56:52; 3, P Raynar (Leicester), 57:42. Team: Manchester, 2hr 52min 03sec. Veterans: K Boardman (North Wirral), 1:01:13. Women: M Allen (Barnsley), 1:05:11. Team: Ellan Vann, 2:07:15. Carnegie national handicap road race: 1, S Phillips (Scot), 1:49:52; 2, Z Thomas (Scot), at 4sec; 3, D Wilson (Ire), at 46sec. Two-up team time trial (10 miles): 1, K Boardman (North Wirral) and C Boardman, 22min 28sec; 2, G and S O'Brien (North Wirral), 22:43; 3, D Horton (Bradford and M Adderall (York), 23:28.
TOUR OF SWITZERLAND: Ninth stage (201.5km): 1, S Jong (Switz), 5hr 01min 24sec; 2, J Stubby (Den), 3, J-C Leclercq (Fr), 4, S Hodge (Aus), 5, S Rooks (Neth), 6, J van Wyck (Neth), all same time. Positions after nine stages: 1, H Wechselberger (Austria), 40:36:13; 2, S Bauer (Can), at 1min 27sec; 3, A da Silva (Por), at 1:48.

CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Worksop: Northamptonshire 169; Yorkshire 147-8 (J Love 83 not out). Rain; Yorkshire won on faster scoring rate.
CRICKETER CUP: Second round: Alleyn's 154, Bradfield Wells 155-8; Brighton's 222, Downside Wanderers 194 (Bernard 107); Felsted Robins 195-7, Shrewsbury Saracens 202-4; Oundle Rovers 284-8, Blundellsians 255, Torrington 214-9, Marlborough Blues 208-7; Wellingtonians 237-7 (Reynolds 143 not out), Eton Ramblers 129; Wykehamists 234-6, Cirbonians 202.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: *Alleyn's 156, Old Boys 153; Berkshire Gents 189-5, *Shiplake 172-5; Bloxham 159-4, St Bartholomew's 100-6; Devon Dumplings 186-6, *Exeter 133-7; *Downside 198-8, Sherborne 128-2; *Eastbourne 225-5, Repton (Inns) 87 (Gibbins 9-140 and 151-6, Eltham 207-3 (Morgan 100 not out), *Colfe's 208-6, King Edward's, Bath 68, Beehen Cliff 69-5; *King's, Rochester 178-7; Bethany 83-9; Kingston GS 129, *Emanuel 132-1; Leicester Gents 197-4, *Wellingborough 192-3; MCC 205, *Surbiton Valencia 206-4; *Nottingham HS 104, RGS Worcester 105-3; Repton 212-6 (Jordan 110 not out), *Shrewsbury 186-8; RGS Guildford 202-7, George Abbot 115; *St Brendan's 56, Beehen Cliff 59-3; Suffolk Gents 180, *Isleworth 186-0 (Shahid 123 not out); XL Club 113, *Dauntsey's 114-1; XL Club 176-8, *Nottingham HS 178-2 (Hunt 103 not out).
* denotes home team.

EQUESTRIANISM

LINCOLN: Lincolnshire county show: Lincolnshire top score: 1, Next Time (P Charles, GB), 1,170pts (63.74sec); 2, Trinity Master Boy (D Lampard, GB), 1,098 (63.47); 3, Meadow Way (M Lamb, GB), 1,020 (66.56). Masons jewellers stakes: 1, Flying Wild (P Charles, GB), clear in 39.92sec; 2, Ultra (J Smith, GB), clear in 45.46; 3, Kamichi (D Ricketts, GB), clear in 46.85.

RUGBY UNION

CORDOBA (Argentina): Tour match: Cordoba 9, French XV 42.
SYDNEY: Tour match: Randwick 9, New Zealand 28.

GOLF

US PGA TOUR: Leading money-winners (US unless stated): 1, A Lyle (GB), $617,334; 2, C Strange, $548,525; 3, C Beck, $539,219; 4, L Wadkins, $491,888; 5, B Crenshaw, $486,560; 6, M McCumber, $421,784; 7, D Frost (SA), $420,599; 8, G Norman (Aus), $419,554; 9, J Sindelar, $412,512; 10, J Haas, $373,445.
WOLLATON PARK: English women's county championships: Midland sub-division: Semi-finals: Caernarvon and Anglesey bt Lincolnshire, 6-3; Staffordshire bt Norfolk, 8-3.
ROYAL PORTHCAWL: Amateur International (Wales v Austria): Second day (Welsh names first): Foursomes: S Dodd and P Price bt A Miller and M Bald, 8 and 6; J Peters and C Rees bt A Pellauf and S Swoboda, 2 and 1; N Rodenda and C O'Carroll lost to K Nierlich and G Stumpf, 3 and 2; M Masara and J Lee bt H Winkler and M Brier, 1 hole. Singles: Dodd bt Bald, 3 and 2; Roderick bt Miller, 5 and 4; Lee bt Swoboda, 2 and 1; Masara lost to Stumpf, 1 hole; Peters bt Pellauf, 5 and 4; Price bt Winkler, 5 and 4; O'Carroll lost to Nierlich, 6 and 5; Rees bt Brier, 3 and 2. Final result: Wales 20½, Austria 3½.
ROYAL PORTHCAWL: European women's amateur championships: First round: S7: A Van der Haegen (Bel), 70; D Bourson (Fr), P Stamer (Switz), 71; E Croce (It), L Briers (Aus), E Driey (Switz), 72; M Orueta (Sp), L Barbetto (Sp), M Fischer (WG), 73; E Kennedy (Aus), E Beer (WG), N Bjuro (Swe), N Crockdown (Neth). British scores: 76: L Bayman, J Wade. 77: E Farquharson.

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOOWOOMBA (Australia): Tour match: Toowoomba 12, Great Britain 28.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match
11.0-6.30, 98 overs minimum
PENNER'S: Oxford and Cambridge Universities v West Indians.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Cardiff: Glamorgan v Gloucestershire; Southampton: Hampshire v Middlesex; Maidstone: Kent v Sussex; Crosby: Lancashire v Derbyshire; Hinckley: Leicestershire v Surrey; Northampton: Northamptonshire v Essex; Worksop: Nottinghamshire v Yorkshire; Bath: Somerset v Warwickshire.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: County matches: Cambridgeshire v Essex (Ely Beet Sport and Social); Metropolitan Police v Oxfordshire (Bushey); Norfolk v Northamptonshire (Dereham St Nicholas); Surrey v Suffolk (New Malden BC); Vale of Glamorgan v Herefordshire (Bridgend).
CYCLING: Isle of Man week; Michelin city centre race (Ipswich).
GOLF: Trusthouse Forte PGA Seniors championship (North Berwick).
HOCKEY: Great Britain v Argentina (Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, 8.30).
SPEEDWAY: National League: Arena Essex v Rye House; Middlesbrough v Eastbourne.
TENNIS: All England championships (Wimbledon LT and C Club).
YACHTING: Dragon National championship (Abersoch).

SPORT ON TV

TENNIS: BBC1 1.50-4.10 p.m. Highlights 10.50 p.m. BBC2 2.40-8 p.m.: Wimbledon. The championships from the All England Club.

FOOTBALL

SEOUL: President's cup: Group B: Velez (Yug) 3, Czechoslovak League XI 2; Turkey 2. Sporting Cristal (Peru) 1. Group D: Iraq 2, Hungarian League XI 1; Gimnasia (Arg), 2 South Korea B 1.

SNOOKER

BLACKPOOL: Mercantile Credit classic: Qualifying competition: First round (GB and Ire unless stated): M Johnston-Allen bt G Scott, 5-0; A Harris bt J Bear (Can), 5-3; I Williamson bt G Jenkins, 5-2; N Terry bt J Rea, 5-3, C Roscoe bt T Whitthread, 5-3; J Dunning bt M Price, 5-3; G Williamson bt P Watchorn, 5-3; A Kearney bt B Kelly, 5-3; E Sinclair bt S Meakin, 5-3, M Watterson bt G Rigitano (Can), 5-4; M Bradley bt P Fagan, 5-3; J Rea bt M Gibson, 5-3; J Chambers bt D Morra (SA), 5-2; B Rowswell bt P Burke, 5-2; J Pizzonarico bt J Meadowcroft, 5-2; F Ellis (SA) bt J Donnelly, 5-0; A Robidoux (Can) bt B Harris, 5-1; C Edwards bt E Lawlor, 5-1, R Marshall bt I Black, 5-0; G Foulds bt C Everton, 5-0; M Rowing bt M Smith, 5-3; D Morgan bt W Harris, 5-3, I Graham bt R Grace (SA), 5-4, S Cambell bt B Oliver, 5-4; M Darrington bt M Morra (Can), 5-2; G Miles bt B Mikkelsen (Can) 5-3.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Poole 62, Peterborough 44.

YACHTING

KIEL: Olympic trials regatta: Third day: Tornado: 1, P and T Elvström (Den); 2, R Gabler and H-J Pioths (WG); 3, L Schmidt-Graef and C Marcellino-Frolas (Br). Overall leader: P and T Elvström, 5.7pts. Flying Dutchman: 1, J Boisen-Moller and C Gronborg (Den); 2, S and Z Detre (Hun); 3, O-P Pollen and E Bjoerkum (Nor). Overall leader: M Jones and G Knowles (NZ), 15.7pts. 470: Men: 1, F Loore (Sp); 2, D Fillingone and L Stockmann (WG); 3, R Schutz and F Thieme (WG). Overall leader: Loore, 8.7pts. Women: 1, S Meyer and K Adloster (WG); 2, M Soderstrom and B Bengtsson (Swe); 3, T Stemmler and S Lehmann (WG). Overall leader: Meyer and Adloster, 9.0pts. Finn: 1, G Westergaard (Den); 2, J Cutler (NZ); 3, E Morgenthaler (Mex). Overall leader: Westergaard, 13.7pts. Star: 1, A Hagen and F Carr (WG); 2, H Raudeschl and S Puchandl (Austria); 3, A Grees and M Marcour (WG). Overall leader: Raudaschl and Puchandl, 14.0pts. Surf division II: 1, Cheng Jiang (China); 2, M Bomhalser (WG); 3, T Kolis (Tur). Overall leader: Bomhalser, 3.0pts. Soling: 1, A Gorostegui (Sp); 2, M Kermarec (Fr); 3, T Wang (Nor). Overall leader: J Schumann (EG), 28.0pts.
ABERSOCH: Dragon Edlesborough cup: Third race: 1, Avalanche V (T Wade, Royal Corinthian, Burnham); 2, Union Jack (M Patten, Royal Corinthian, Burnham); 3, Harvey (J Thomson, Royal Thames).
HAMILTON (Bermuda): Newport, Rhode Island to Bermuda (635 miles): 1, Congere, B Koeppel (US), 3 days 15 hours 24 mins; 2, Boomerang, G Courtanteros (US); 3, Cannonball, C Robertson (US).

GOLF

McLean waiting in wings for swing of fortune

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Chantilly

Curtis Strange, the new US Open champion, is here for the Peugeot French Open, which starts today, with a little assistance from Concorde. Nick Faldo flew first-class with British Airways and you could wager more than a tee peg or two that Severiano Ballesteros and Sandy Lyle did not eat their lunch at 35,000ft with a plastic knife and fork.

So the stars are assembled for the latest production on the PGA European Tour which will unfold in the shadow of the château where *A View to a Kill* was filmed. So, too, is the supporting cast. They include José-Maria Olazábal, fresh from his victory in the Belgian Open, Gordon Brand jnr, Ken Brown, and Barry Lane, plus a host of starry-eyed youngsters.

Golfers are not unlike actors. They serve their apprenticeship by restlessly waiting in the wings for the one performance that makes the impression which will breed the confidence on which to build a career. That, however, is not always the way. Michael McLean will vouch for that.

McLean was at school with Paul Way. Together they won the Aer Lingus Trophy for Hugh Christie, Tonbridge. McLean turned professional, won the Cacharel under-25 championship in 1983 and he was runner-up in the German Open in 1985 when he climbed to 26th place in the Order of Merit.

But the flame of fortune, which had burned so brightly, began to flicker as McLean's career took a dramatic U-turn. This season he only figures in the Order of Merit in 190th place because he won £400 in the Wang Four Stars Tournament through finishing 97th out of 101 because there was no half-way cut.

Otherwise McLean has played in Majorca, Barcelona, Biarritz, Cannes, Madrid, the Algarve, Monticello, Wentworth, Woburn and Brussels without surviving the guillotine and without making a single penny.

Last week he disqualified himself for taking nine at one hole and signing for an eight in a round of 84. "I honestly added it up wrong," he said. "It just about sums up everything."

To his credit, McLean is plugging on. This week he has brought along Willie Aitchison, who shepherded Lee Trevino to his Open Championship victories, to caddie for him. "I've been working on couple of swing thoughts and I am hopeful," he said.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	453	4	10	472	4
2	391	4	11	420	4
3	175	3	12	396	4
4	382	4	13	454	4
5	435	4	14	217	3
6	216	3	15	416	4
7	436	4	16	211	3
8	579	5	17	409	4
9	482	4	18	561	5
Out	3,529	35	In	3,558	35

Total yardage: 7,087 Par: 70

New venue may pose problems

From John Hennessy
St Moritz

The Women's Professional Golf European Tour, restlessly seeking fresh fields to conquer, breaks new ground over the next four days at this winter wonderland of the rich.

The St Moritz Classic, the first of five under an agreement between the WPGET and Mark McCormack's International Management Group, enters the calender with a prize fund of £60,000, of which the winner will take £9,000.

The arrangement fits neatly into IMG's commitment to market the famous St Moritz logo among its diverse enterprises. There will be a loss on this year's operation, according to Alister McKay Forbes, an IMG marketing executive, but he is convinced that 1989, which happens to be the centenary of the opening of the Engadine golf course at Samedan, will be better "and the year after that better still".

Alas, there have been setbacks in preparing the course. The winter weather did not leave Samadan until the beginning of May and two weeks ago the snow returned for a day or two.

Both fairways and greens have suffered. Preferred lies are allowed on the fairways, "within a tournament-card length" (about six inches), and, no doubt, minor expletives will be allowed on the uncertain greens.

The course is totally flat, throwing into relief the snow-laden mountains rising on every side, but a number of water hazards impinge awkwardly in strategic areas.

There are 71 entries, including the top six in the Woolmark order of merit, and, remarkably, 21 from the United States.

Coles hit by dust bowl blues

By a Special Correspondent

Neil Coles has dismissed his chances of winning his fourth title in a row in the Trusthouse Forte PGA Seniors championship, which starts today over a parched North Berwick course described by a former winner, Ernie Jones, as "midsummer in the Gobi Desert".

After playing in a pro-am and then completing a practice round, Coles said: "I rule myself completely out of any chance of winning. I would be happy if I were to break 80. If I had known the conditions were like this, I would not have bothered."

The course has been undergoing a "no watering policy" on the advice of the Sports Turf Institute to eradicate coarse grasses, but this has coincided with a near drought. John Panton, aged 71, said: "It reminds me of El Alamein".

Coles, aged 53 and the chairman of the PGA European tour, has won the Seniors for the last three years and a record fourth win would not only earn him the first prize of £7,500 but also a £1,000 bonus for the achievement. But his chances, he said, were nil. "It calls for a pitch-and-run shot which I cannot play. It is a shot that has defeated me all my life." He agreed it might suit some players, among them the five-time Open champion, Peter Thomson, of Australia, who is playing in the event for the second time.

Watering is now taking place, but Thomson commented: "Too little too late. I have never seen a course as hard as this — but I'm going to enjoy myself and hope to go one better than last year when on a soggy course I finished runner-up to Coles."

YACHTING

Conner continues to champion 12 metres

Luleå — Far from lawyers' offices and court cases, Denis Conner yesterday reaffirmed his belief in the international 12-metre as the proper vehicle for America's Cup competition (Malcolm McKeag writes). "I believe that 12 metres should be used for at least one more America's Cup," he said.

"Twelves metres is the class that allows the greatest number of teams to compete on exactly equal terms.

"Then I believe that the guardian of the original Deed of Gift, who is the attorney general for the state of New York, should be asked to modify the Deed so the cup is run according to the wishes of the people to whom it matters most — the participants."

Led by Conner, whose Stars and Stripes syndicate has taken over the Australian Kookaburra II, renamed Nordstjernan by her Swedish charterers, 10 12-metre syndicates have made the journey of faith to keep the class alive while continued uncertainty surrounds its future in the America's Cup itself.

● Latest finishers in the Carlsberg singlehanded transatlantic race are:
9, P Secouri, La Nuova Sardegna, elapsed time 15 days 17 hours 34 minutes; 10, A Bullimore, Spirit of Apricot, corrected time 16d 04hr 46min; 11, P Herold, Dupon Duran, e t 16d 12hr 39min; 12, N Bailey, MTC, e t 16d 17hr 03min; 13, J-Y Terlain, UAP 1992, e t 17d 04hr 06min.

POLO

Azzaro finds goalposts

By John Watson

The tournament for the High-Goal Warwickshire Cup entered the semi-final phase on Cirencester Park's Ivy Lodge ground with a battle royal between Southfield's and the Black Bears (received one), who won 9-8 in extra time.

Black Bears kept the lead until the second chukka when Southfield's No. 3, Owen Rinehart scored twice to put his squad ahead at 5-4. The Kent-Rinehart combination, backed by Ricardo Mansur, then dominated the game and by the end of the fourth chukka Southfield were up 8-4.

But the Black Bears' American pair, Dale Smicklas and Mike Azzaro, were about to show their potential. Azzaro, the principal gladiator of British polo in recent weeks, brought out his fav

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Anger makes Cash flow

By Richard Evans

All afternoon on court one, Pat Cash had been searching for the adrenalin pump in his match against Javier Frana, the Argentinian left-hander, and it took a bad call and the resulting flash of anger to help him find it.

After that, the Australian started to look more like the Wimbledon champion he is and, just as the shadows started to creep towards the baseline, he was able to subdue a remarkable opponent by a score of 6-2, 4-6, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4.

The bad call came early in the fourth set, with Cash staring down the wrong end of a two-set-to-one scoreline. Frustration was affecting his play and his mood and Bruno Rebeuh, the French umpire, took the brunt of it as Cash complained loudly about the official's refusal to exercise his right to overrule.

Although the argument got him nowhere, Cash had found what he was looking for: the kind of anger which flicks the switch from negative to positive and takes a man off the ropes and back into the centre of the ring.

From that moment on, Cash, who had been having trouble with his footing early on, propelled himself a step nearer the net behind his serves, punched his volleys with greater confidence and got those heavily muscled legs working at a far faster rate.

He needed to do all those things because Frana had been a complete revelation. At Queen's Club two weeks ago, Cash had beaten him 6-1, 6-1, dismissing the clay-court raised South American with the kind of disdain Australians are entitled to when they play on grass.

But if Frana took that as a lesson, he soaked up his new-found knowledge very fast indeed. Suddenly he looked as if he had been playing on grass all his life. Belting service returns past the on-rushing champion and volleying with a dexterity and sureness of touch that was quite astounding, Frana simply outplayed the title-holder for two sets and, despite signs of fatigue, still had the guts to push him hard in the fifth.

Although Cash broke first, Frana struck back immediately to level at 2-2 with a smash that followed a lobbed volley — he has talent, this 21-year-old, make no mistake — and then led 40-15 for what would have been a 3-2 lead.

But two drop-volleys, which Cash raced on to, proved his undoing, and another lesson was learned. At this level, eccentricity of that kind does not pay dividends, but the crowd loved every minute of it and one can only wonder why Frana has taken so long to push himself into the limelight.

Cash complained about the state of the court, which is cutting up down the centre.

"He played two great sets but I served really well in the fifth which is very satisfying," he said. "I don't care about how tough the match was. I am fit enough to go five sets right through the tournament."

In charge

Steve Gustard, who played in Gosforth's John Player Cup winning sides of 1976 and 1977 and who led Northumberland to the county championship in 1981, will be the first team manager and senior coach of the second division club next season.



At full stretch: Cash struggling to beat Javier Frana yesterday (Photograph: Graham Wood)

Becker raps out a strong message

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Boris Becker, twice champion, and Ivan Lendl, twice runner-up, advanced to the last 32 of the singles with formidably powerful performances at Wimbledon yesterday. Becker beat Karel Novacek 6-3, 6-4, 6-4, and Lendl, who took a set to find his range, had a 5-7, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 win over Darren Cahill.

On the main concourse, I was discussing mountains with an Irish acquaintance when we were interrupted by a massed shriek that suggested a rock concert or a riot was imminent. The girls had spotted Becker, who was being escorted to court No. 2 by a dozen policemen and security guards.

Becker looked uneasy. He likes to be recognized but does not care for a lot of fuss. Novacek, who is slightly larger (not many people are slightly larger than Becker), attracted less attention. But his service was soon commanding respect, not least from Becker.

The 1985 and 1986 champion broke service only three times but that was enough: because he did it once in every set. By contrast Novacek never had a break point and, consequently, had no basis for negotiation. Becker served 17 aces, only three of the 29 games went to deuce, and Becker (plus escort) was soon back in the mob.

Some of the West Indies cricketers watched Lendl beat Cahill. Viv Richards was impressed but, nevertheless, is putting his money on John McEnroe. Lendl, mind you, is the kind of chap who would crack a few boundaries, bowl fast, and still have a lot of work in him at the end of a long day. But they do not play a lot of cricket in Czechoslovakia or, for that matter, Connecticut.

Lendl is 6ft 2in, which Rod Laver considers is probably the ideal height for a tennis player. Cahill is only an inch shorter but weighs only 11st. He is lithe and springy and there is enough air between his knees to make him a balanced mover. Cahill beat Pat Cash at Queen's, but does not pack enough of a punch to excel consistently on grass.

Both are keen golfers and presumably drive a long way. It was easy to imagine them out on the course yesterday, because the weather was perfect. The sun was still high and each man cast a stunted shadow onto the centre court.

Cahill was marginally the sounder in the first set, partly because Lendl's returns were often wayward. Moreover, Lendl's volleying seemed to be more of a duty than a pleasure. His first volleys, in particular, were carefully placed rather than confidently dismissive. Later, his returns improved and his entire game grew in assurance.

The Swedes had some fun together. Out on court 14, the northern show court, Jan Gunnarsson kept Joakim Nystrom at work for five sunny sets. Gunnarsson, incidentally, always plays with a strapped knee: damaged nine years ago when he was practising with Bjorn Borg. Practising with Borg left its mark on a lot of players.

In another Swedish match Jonas Svensson beat Magnus Gustafsson in straight sets. In the French championships Svensson reached the semi-finals by beating Nystrom, Kent Carlsson and Lendl in consecutive matches: not an easy thing to do. Svensson was too sharp for Gustafsson, a straight-backed chap who walks about with short, quick steps. Gustafsson may have missed his vocation. He could have been a guardsman.

Tim Mayotte won in straight sets against Greg Holmes, who hits two-fisted on both flanks but is nimble enough to compensate for the shortened reach. The seeded Amos Mansdorf had to retire because of a pulled stomach muscle. That helped Diego Nargiso, of Naples, a qualifier, into the third round.

Barbara Potter, who has reached the quarter-finals three times, had to be both lucky and good to beat Natalya Bykova, a pig-tailed blonde from Moscow. Potter's game seemed to improve after she had changed her shirt (decorously concealed by ball girls holding up towels) when she was a set and 0-3 down. In that set Bykova came within a point of leading 5-2, but she put a forehand in the net and, eventually, lost the set.

The Soviet player had another chance, her last, when Potter was serving at 6-7 and 0-30 down in the third set.

Britain had two more winners: Sarah Loosemore and Julie Salmon, who joined Jo Durie, Sara Gomer, Jeremy Bates, and Stephen Botfield in the second round. So it was a gratifying day for the domestic public. Hundreds of people picnicked in sunshine on dry, brown lawns outside the food village. Others queued in tunnels or wandered about rather aimlessly, wondering if the effort to get close enough to see any tennis was worthwhile. On the whole, it was.

Finally, you should know of a comment overheard in the food village, which is next to a hall housing demonstrations of a miniature form of tennis. A cockney voice muttered: "I want to see this 'short tennis'. It's for midgets, isn't it?"

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Mandlikova back on the right path

By David Powell

Hana Mandlikova returned to the centre court yesterday for her first appearance there since the 1986 final. If she needed a reminder that things have changed since then, she got it. The arena was half empty: Mandlikova, who was absent, injured, from Wimbledon last year, is not the crowd-puller she used to be.

Wimbledon is the only grand slam tournament which Mandlikova has failed to win. She probably never will. Steffi Graf, at 19, is seven years her junior. The years separating the Navratilova-Evert era and the Graf one were not quite enough to leave the stage clear for Mandlikova to dominate.

At her best, Mandlikova hits tennis balls like she never wants to see them again. When her direction is in harmony with her power, everyone is beatable. Her problem has been inconsistency. Brilliant one moment but profligate the next, she flirts with disaster. Now the relationship is running the risk of marriage: prior to Wimbledon she has suffered a succession of ignominious defeats. In six tournaments this year, she has not reached a final.

Mandlikova has achieved nothing lately to bring her into conversations about who the champion might be. However, she has come through two rounds without dropping a set and, though, typically, she made more errors than Graf yesterday, she produced some flashing shots against the American, Ann Henricksson, of which the German would have been proud.

It is reasonable to suggest that Mandlikova will be the first examination of Graf's nerve this Wimbledon. They are scheduled to meet in the quarter-finals. Henricksson is an accomplished grass-court player and Mandlikova's 6-4, 6-2 victory was comparable for achievement with Graf's 6-2, 6-0 win over the French lucky loser (some luck!), Karine Quentrec.

Pat Cash voiced the opinion last year that the women who make up the numbers are not worth the money they are paid. Graf, who succeeded Mandlikova last year as runner-up to Navratilova, is proving the point. Quentrec, who is ranked 168th in the world, earned £2,815 for her second-round defeat in which she played the part of a puppet on a string.

Meanwhile, Mandlikova's match came at a good time for tea, in between watching Lendl against Cahill and Leconte against Chang, and half the centre court took the opportunity.

Two weeks ago, Graf arrived 20 minutes late for her much publicized game with the Princess of Wales. Yesterday, she discovered what it is like to be on the receiving end, if not in a match, at least beforehand. Quentrec was so engrossed in an 8-6 final set between two of her compatriots, Pascale Paradis and Nathalie Herreman, that she neglected to check how the match which preceded hers on court three was progressing.

"I had to rush to get changed when I saw Steffi coming out," Quentrec said. In the meantime Graf knocked up with a ball-girl. "I was so embarrassed," Penny Joannou, aged 16, from Norbury, said. Most people are when Graf is on the other side of the net.

Back to the good old days

By David Powell

The behaviour of players at Wimbledon appears to be improving. On the first two days, with practically half the number of singles matches to be contested through the fortnight completed, only three players — all men — were fined for misconduct.

If the average is maintained, the championship will be further testimony to the success of the code of conduct. This was introduced in 1979 to help protect the game's reputation which had suffered from the antics of a few, most notably Ilie Nastase and Jimmy Connors.

Although the behaviour of John McEnroe, who reached five successive finals from 1980 to 1984, suggested that the problem was growing, Alan Mills, the Wimbledon referee, said yesterday: "Since the code of conduct was introduced, the number of players fined became progressively lower and lower until a couple of years ago. Since then, it has evened out. Last year there were just six or seven players fined."

Now that McEnroe is back, the stability of the record may depend on the three-times champion's ability to control his temper. This he seems determined to do and, in his first round match against Horst Skoff on Tuesday, he was no closer to an argument than he was to defeat.

The fines imposed can seem anomalous. Diego Nargiso, an Italian, was docked $500 (about £280) for consulting his coach after a losing a point. Ricardo Acuña, of Chile, was fined $350 for insulting a linesman. The phrase was apparently "he stinks", and considered less offensive than a tactical discussion.

The table of fines is more of a guide than a graph. Some cases of petulance are unsportsmanlike but do not break the rules and, as such, go unreported by umpires.

On Monday Brod Dyke, an Australian, successfully aimed a venomous forehand drive at his opponent, Marty Davis, an American. Dyke offered no apology but merely turned his back. Andrew Castle, of Britain, in his straight-sets defeat by Glenn Michibata, a Canadian, on Tuesday, gave the impression that everything was somebody else's fault. But you cannot be fined for embarrassing your country.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Award for Donington

Donington Park has been awarded the British motorcycle grand prix for 1990 in place of Brands Hatch.

Donington will host the event for the next three years, following a decision by the Auto Cycling Union to move the grand prix because Brands Hatch has failed to complete safety work in the prescribed time.

Doyle ahead

Moondust, skippered by Denis Doyle, looked set to take line honours in the Cork Dry Gin Round Ireland race early today after leading a shrinking fleet, now down to 44, past Belfast at 3 p.m. yesterday.

HANDICAP LEADERS: 1, Lightning (I. Shanahan); 2, Scenario Act II (B. Humphreys); 3, Europlex Deja Blue (P. Wilson).



Mafe: runs in relay

Mafe returns

Ade Mafe, the Olympic 200 metres finalist who has suffered from a torn hamstring for the past two seasons, makes his international comeback in Birmingham tomorrow when he runs a leg of the 4 x 400 metres relay for England against the United States.

Irish victory

Ireland defeated West Germany 6-3 three on the opening day of the quadrangular amateur golf international at Royal Portrush yesterday — the Germans being disadvantaged when Sven Struver damaged his knee in a bunker at the first hole and was taken to hospital.

Worthy winner

Los Angeles (AFP) — Led by James Worthy, voted the most valuable player, Magic Johnson and a ferocious defence, the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Detroit Pistons 108-105 in the decisive seventh game to become the first team since the Boston Celtics in 1969-70 to win successive National Basketball Association championships.

Cheshire grab victory with one ball left

By Richard Streeton

CHESTER (Cheshire won toss): Cheshire beat Northamptonshire by 1 wicket

Cheshire, where mention of county cricket can be traced back 170 years, had the greatest day in their history yesterday when they beat Northamptonshire in a thrilling NatWest trophy first round match with one ball to spare and their last two batsmen at the wicket. It was only the seventh instance of a Minor County beating a first-class county since the knock-out competition was expanded in its second year in 1964.

Northamptonshire batted poorly as they were dismissed for 161, with Geoff Cook carrying his bat for 53. Cheshire were given a fine start by Barry Wood, who played 12 Tests for England in the 1970s, and by David Varey, another former Lancashire player. These two put on 49 together but Cheshire struggled later and still needed 12 from the final 25 balls when they lost their ninth wicket.

Andrew Fox, who plays for Liverpool, and John O'Brien (Oxton) gathered seven successive singles against Capel and Walker before the last over began. Three more singles came against Walker before Fox edged a four through the vacant third slip position and the estimated 2,000 crowd swarmed onto the field.

Cyril Washbrook gave the man of the match award to Wood, both for his batting and for his nagging seam bowling earlier, which, in harness with Neil O'Brien, had pegged Northamptonshire down. O'Brien, who was a pillar of representative Minor Counties' sides from 1977 to 1985, propped the middle of his team's innings for a sound 28 in 28 overs and led Cheshire shrewdly. He has played for Cheshire for 17 years and said afterwards: "This has to be the greatest day of my cricket life."

Geoff Cook, the Northamptonshire captain, said afterwards: "We have no excuses. We did not bat well, which has been our trouble for most of the season. It is hugely disappointing and embarrassing to lose to a minor county. But we have got to pick ourselves up now and look to the championship."

Cheshire's innings looked vulnerable before Neil O'Brien dropped anchor. Wood and Hitchmough were both run out and Tansley failed and the score was 66 for four before O'Brien and Cockbain (ex-Lancashire) resisted with a stand of 32. Cockbain then played on against Nick Cook and Williams took a marvellous, low return catch to dismiss Crawley.

Neil O'Brien was caught behind at 129; Smith and Blackburn made useful contributions before the closing, dramatic climax developed.

Earlier, half the Northamptonshire side had gone for 122 by lunch and after the interval the remaining batsmen fell for a further 39 runs in 14 overs. Cook was kept subdued to the end: he faced 144 balls, hitting only three fours and had 33 singles.

Heaven knows what Northamptonshire's total would have been if two possible chances had been accepted that Cook offered before he reached double figures. Otherwise, Cheshire fielded well and Smith, the former Essex wicketkeeper, held three crucial catches.

Fox and Crawley, the opening bowlers, each took a wicket before the pitch showed a little life as the dew dried out. Larkins was held in the slips and Bailey fell to the best of Smith's catches when he dived to his left and clung to a glanced ball. Lamb struck the ball firmly but the tempo slowed when Neil O'Brien and Wood bowled.

In succession, Lamb was caught on the legside, Capel drove down the wrong line, and Williams was caught behind as he prodded forward. Rather unusually in a cup game, two left-arm spinners bowling together, John O'Brien and Blackburn, brought a rapid conclusion to the innings after lunch.

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Holding 8-21

The West Indian fast bowler, Michael Holding, who is 34, set a record for limited-overs cricket by taking eight wickets for 21 runs for Derbyshire against Sussex in the NatWest Trophy at Hove yesterday.

Tribunal fee fails to satisfy Mills

By Steve Acteson

Arsenal must pay Stoke City £390,000 for the central defender, Steve Bould, a Football League transfer tribunal decided yesterday. The figure is £260,000 less than Stoke had sought but £215,000 more than Arsenal had offered.

Mick Mills, the manager of Stoke, said he had been hoping for at least the same fee, £400,000, that George Graham, his opposite number at Arsenal, had paid for another Stoke defender, Lee Dixon, in February.

Mills said: "We are getting less for a centre half who has had top level experience and whom we feel is a better player." Mills received some consolation from the fact that the Sheffield United winger, Peter Beagrie, agreed to join Stoke.

The tribunal also gave Sunderland an unpleasant surprise when it ordered Port Vale to pay £20,000 for the winger, Paul Atkinson, aged 22. This was twice the amount offered by Port Vale but £60,000 less than Sunderland, who were promoted as the third division champions last season, had wanted. Port Vale must, however, give Sunderland one third of any profit the club makes if it sells Atkinson.

Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, who unsuccessfully tried to sign Bould, yesterday denied any knowldge of a reported deal which would send the forward, Adrian Heath, and £400,000 to Chelsea in return for Pat Nevin, the Scottish international. "I haven't spoken to anyone at Chelsea about any deal," Harvey said.

Billy Bremner, the manager of Leeds United, confirmed yesterday that he was interested in signing the Portsmouth winger, Vince Hilaire. But he said: "I have spoken to two or three other lads who have reached the end of their contracts too, but that's as far as it goes. I've already got a strong squad and I haven't released anybody."

Howe's condition said to be comfortable

By Steve Acteson

Don Howe, the coach both to England and the FA Cup winners, Wimbledon, is still in intensive care at Watford General Hospital after being admitted on Tuesday night suffering from chest pains.

A spokesman for the hospital, who could not confirm reports that Howe, aged 52, had suffered a heart attack, said yesterday that he was in a "comfortable" condition and that doctors were carrying out tests, the results of which may not be known for several days.

Howe came home only last Sunday after the England team had been eliminated from the European championship. The Arsenal manager between April 1984 and March 1986, when he resigned after the club had approached Terry Venables as a possible successor, Howe lives in Radlett, Hertfordshire, with his wife and family.

● Ted Croker, the secretary of the Football Association, is expected to return to his duties at Lancaster Gate at the beginning of July after recuperating from the operation that he underwent a month ago for a minor internal problem.

Kelly looks to France

David Kelly, the Walsall and Republic of Ireland forward, is due to meet representatives of the French club, Nice, today for talks on a possible £500,000 transfer (Dennis Shaw writes).

Kelly, back from the European championship in West Germany, having earlier helped his club to promotion to the second division, is wanted by a host of clubs from Britain and the Continent.

But he said: "I want to talk to everyone concerned. That includes Walsall. They are showing a lot of interest in my staying and a season or so in division two wouldn't do me any harm."

END COLUMN

Michels has the style to succeed

By David Miller

Ron Greenwood, a patient man, has always said that the only important thing to have when getting revenge in football is a long memory. Next year, or the year after, is as good as next month. A non-violent man, he is referring to revenge for a bad foul.

The Dutch had to wait 14 years to avenge not a foul but a defeat that scarred the soul of their national game. It must be unique in sport for the same coach, in this instance the uniquely imaginative Rinus Michels, to get his own back after such an interval on one of the same men, Franz Beckenbauer — then captain, now team manager — and in the same stadium, during an international cup competition. All the sweeter, too, for being the first victory over the opposition in 32 years.

West Germany's defeat of The Netherlands in the World Cup final of 1974 was a monumental reverse for one of the finest teams of all time: as much as anything because the players themselves were convinced beforehand that they had the ability to put four or five goals past the Germans on their own soil, the prospect of which was relished for one or two historical non-sporting reasons.

"When we were awarded that penalty by Jack Taylor in the first couple of minutes, and Neeskens scored," Rudi Krol, their full back, told me some years later, "we really believed that it was going to happen. We were immediately thinking that we would get six. We stopped concentrating, and by the time we'd missed three or four chances and woken up, it was too late."

Four years later, now controversially without Cruyff who withdrew from the side following the qualifying competition, Netherlands lost again, once more to the hosts in the final in Argentina, thanks in part to poor refereeing by an Italian and more squandered chances. The team that is distinguishing The Netherlands now in the European championship in West Germany and, dare we say, should win Saturday's final, may not be as talented as the previous two but like them is a marvellous decoration on a game plagued by defensive functionalism.

The common factor is, of course, Michels, a coach whose teams, first with Ajax, then Barcelona, and now once more with the national team, are as fluid as his own mind; whose players converse with the world's Press simultaneously in four or five languages, and with each other in one spontaneous tongue: Total Football. Even though defensive systems — England's apart, perhaps — are more severe than ever, the Dutch continue to delight everyone except their opponents with the mobility of their style.

In 1974 Cruyff and Rep failed in the final, in 1978 Rep again. In 1988 it has so far seemed that Gullit is likely to fall short of expectation, though his perpetual movement and sleight of foot, constantly moving to the wing, is one of the factors which is pulling the opposition apart for Van Basten.

On Tuesday night that perennial German characteristic — a relentless pursuit of the objective which seems oblivious of the extent to which the other side may be playing better than they are — was again evident. But now, maybe, it was the Germans who relaxed, fatally, when given the first goal with the help of a penalty. Moreover, theirs was a penalty in no way justified as was The Netherlands' 14 years ago when Vogts brought down Cruyff.

This time it was the Dutch who responded to reversal on the day and whatever the result on Saturday history will show gratitude to Michels for the enlightenment he has helped bring to his players and the international game.

Mob attacks policemen

A mob of 300 West German football supporters were involved in a series of violent incidents in Hamburg during the early hours yesterday. The trouble began shortly after Netherlands had beaten West Germany.

The mob threw tear gas canisters at the police then invaded a red-light district and attacked again. The police responded with truncheons, and their assailants moved to attack a left-wing commune.

During the clashes, which ended at 2.30 a.m., 14 policemen were injured and 47 people were arrested. No British supporters were involved.

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